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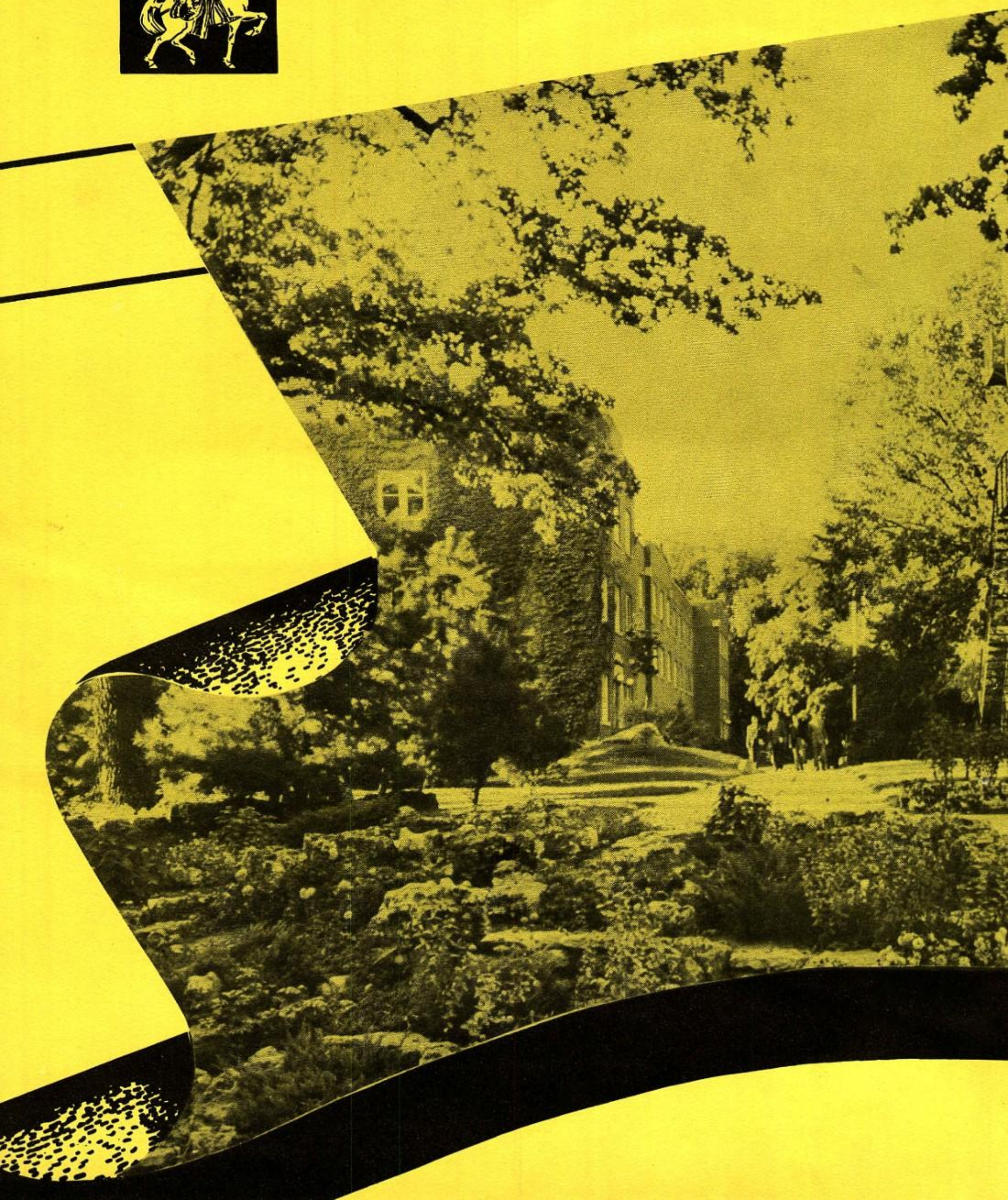

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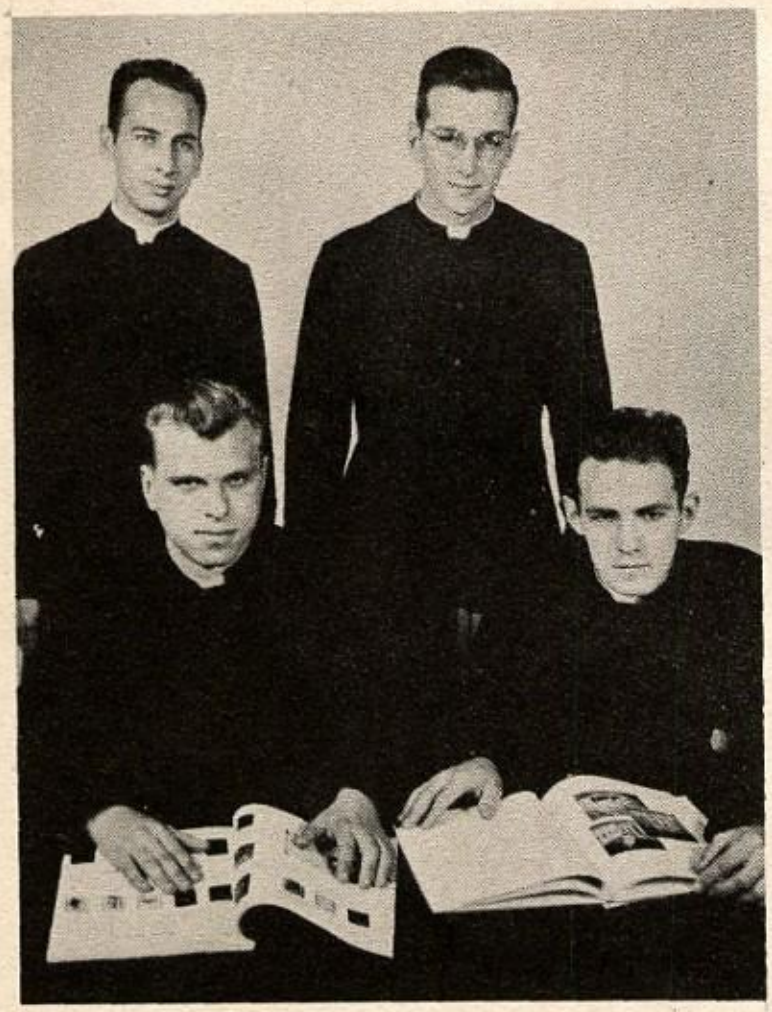

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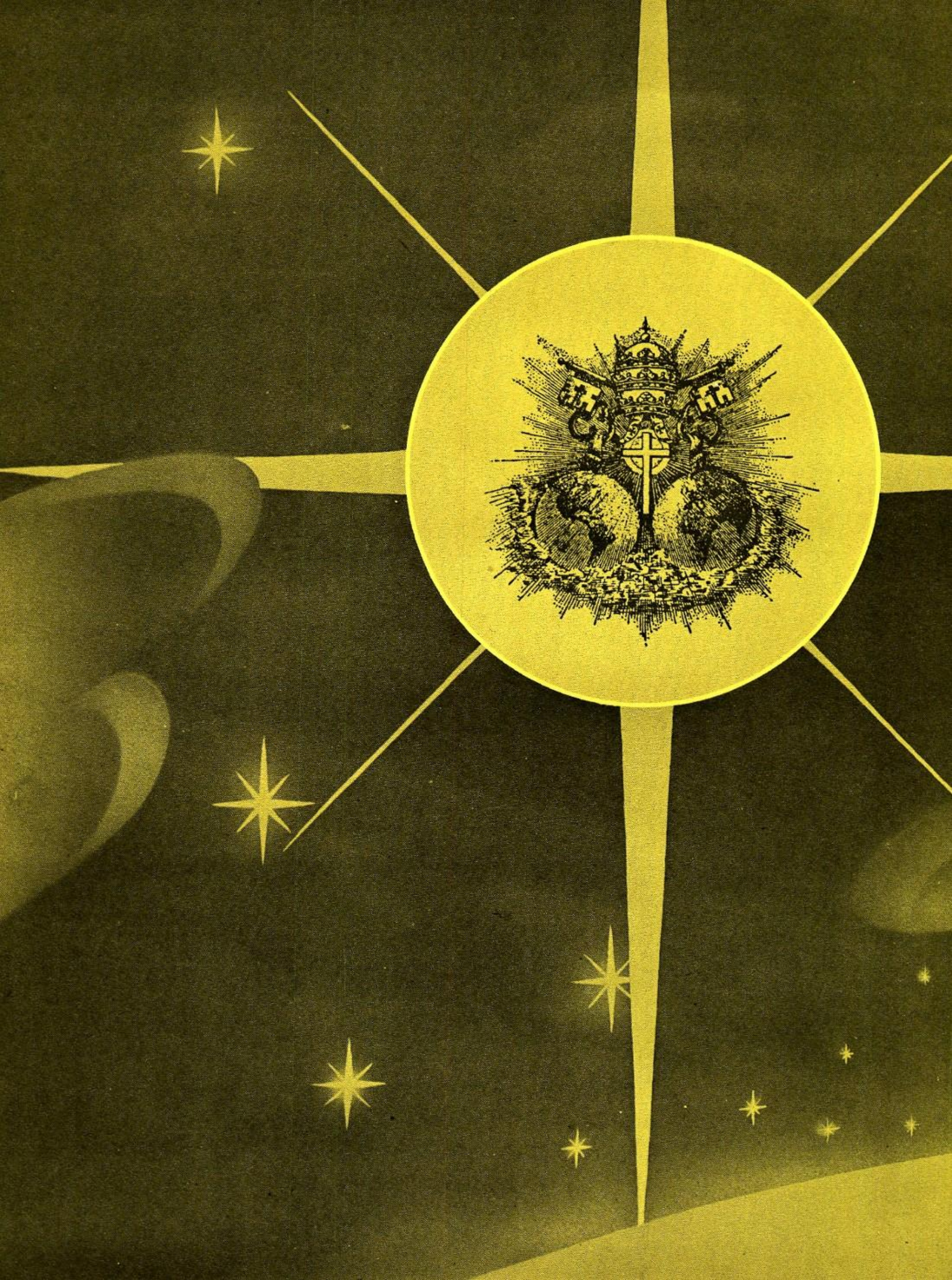

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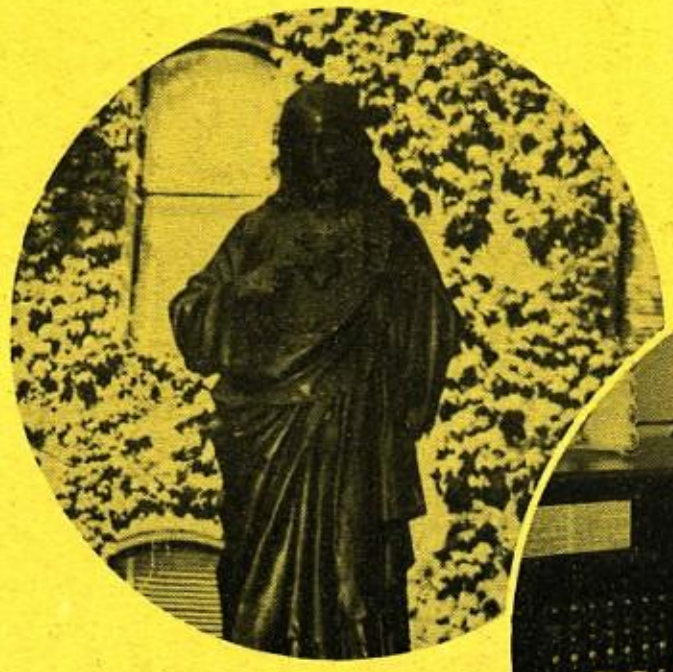

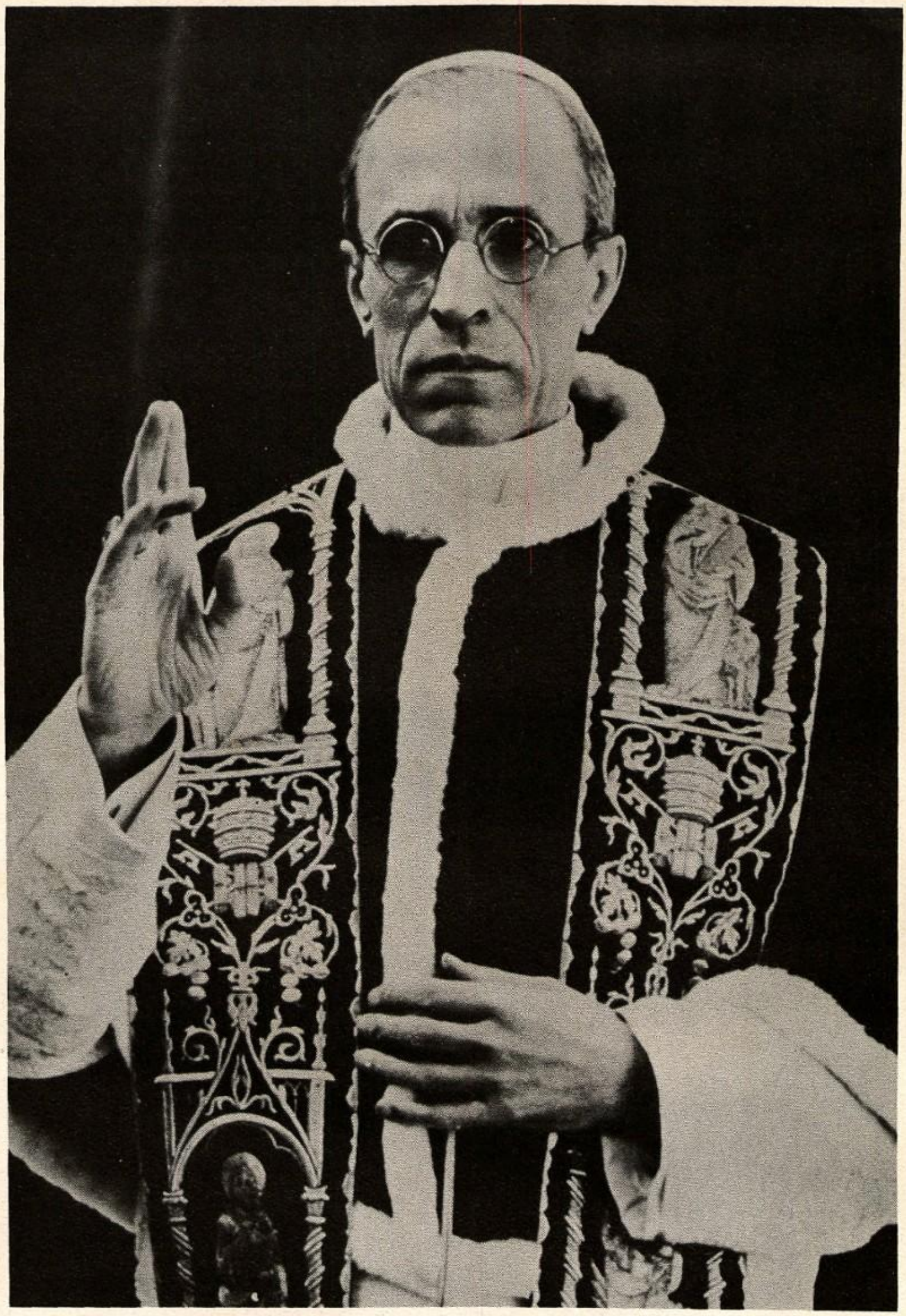

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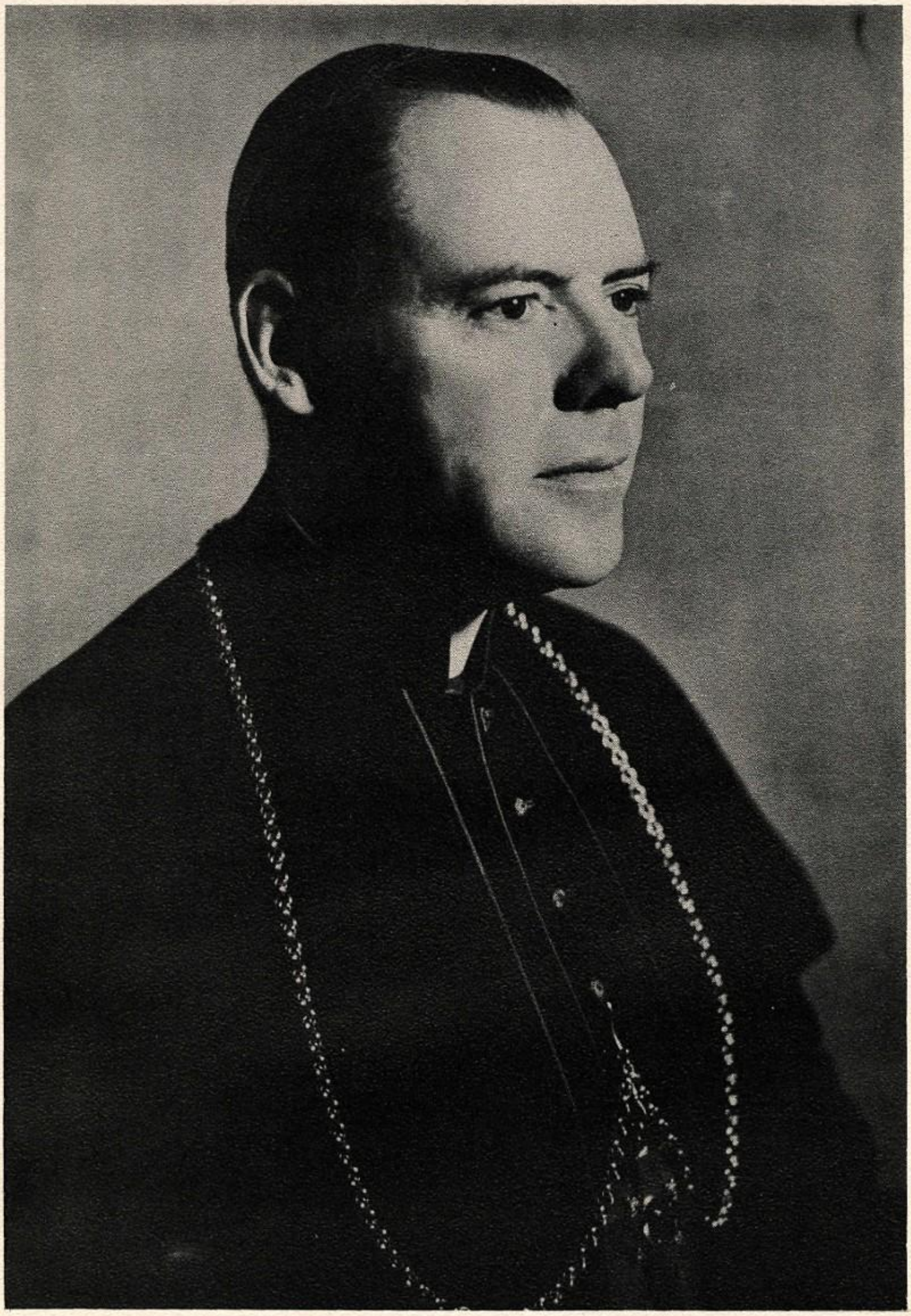

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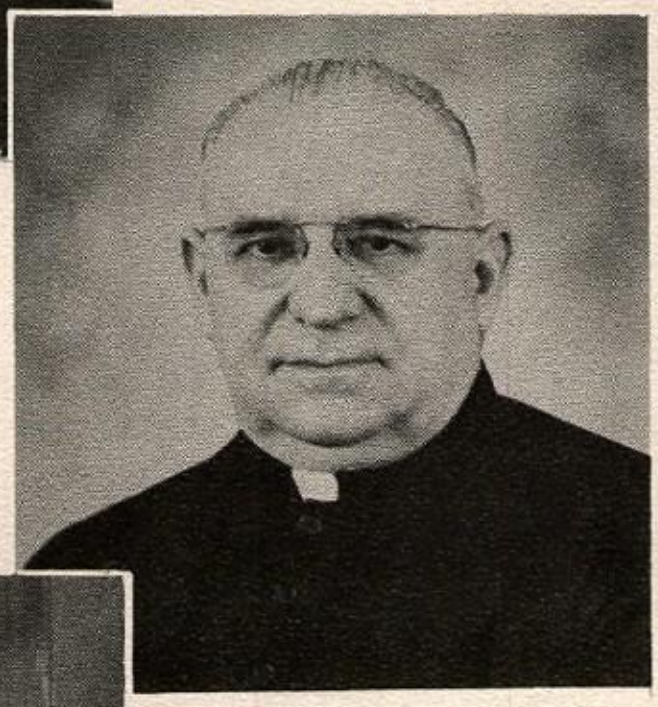

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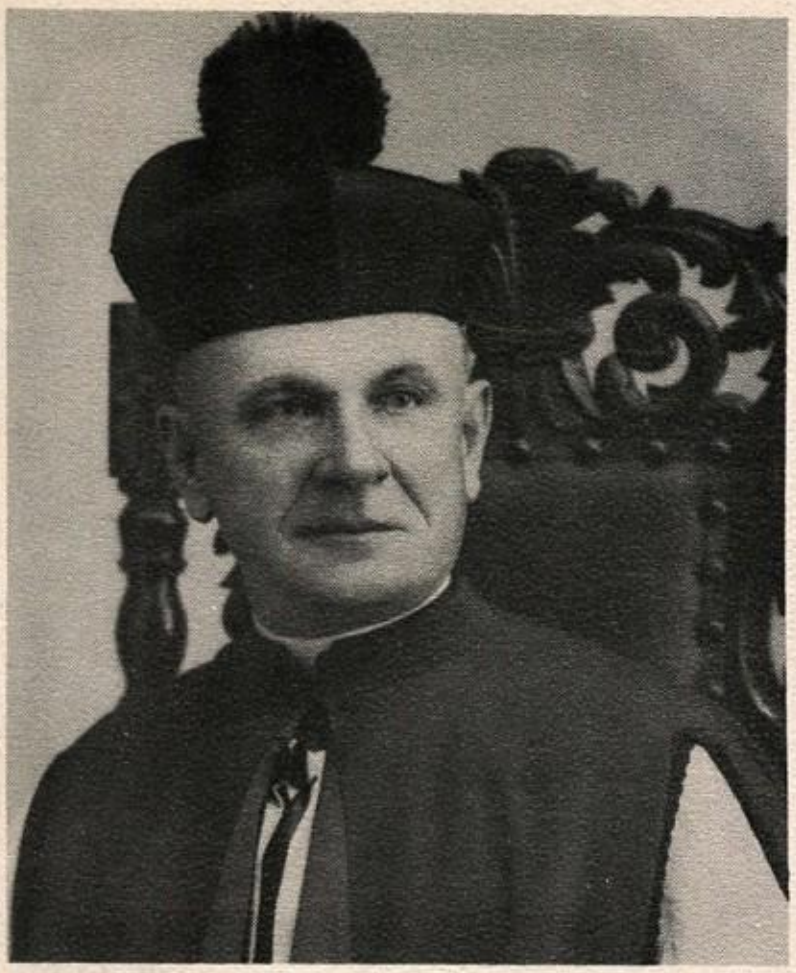

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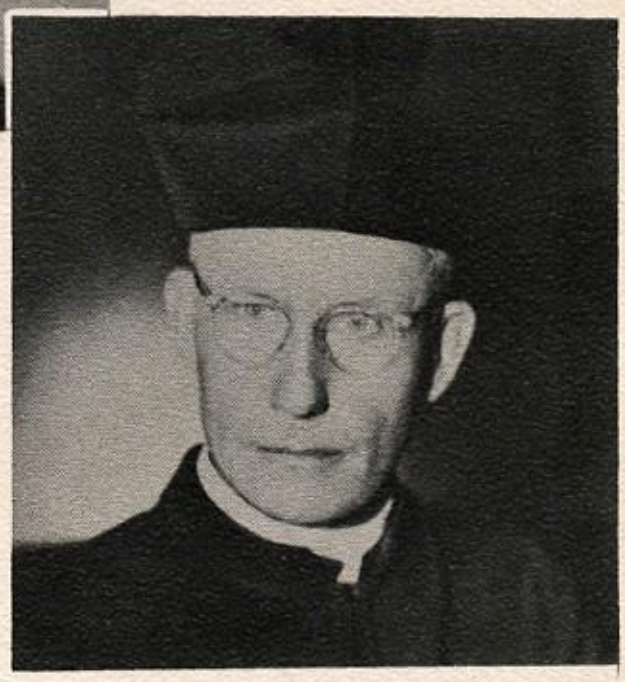

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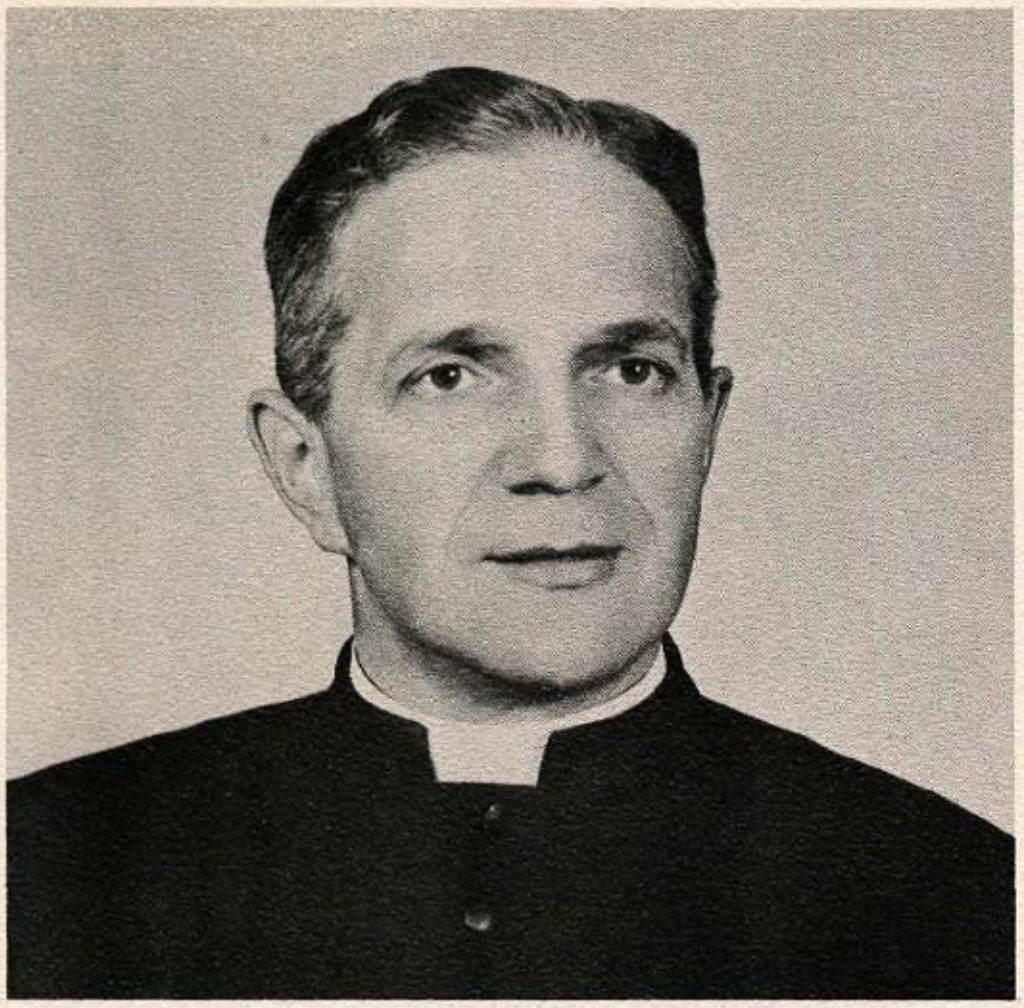

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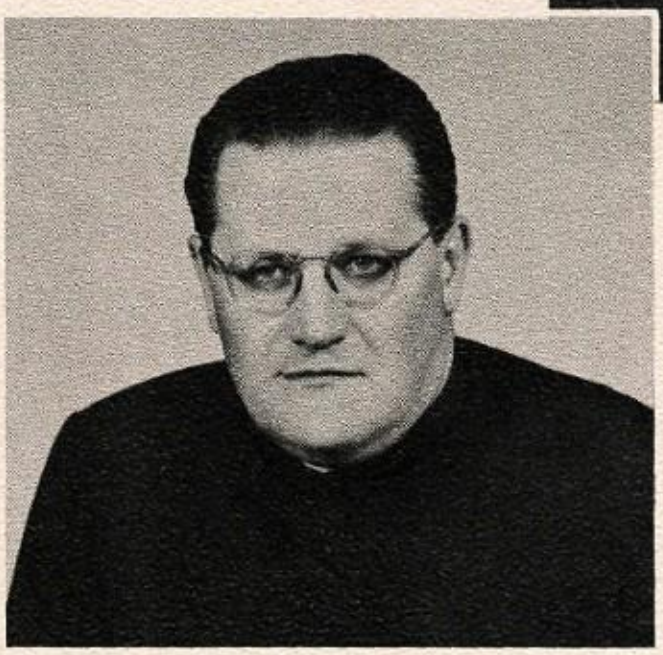

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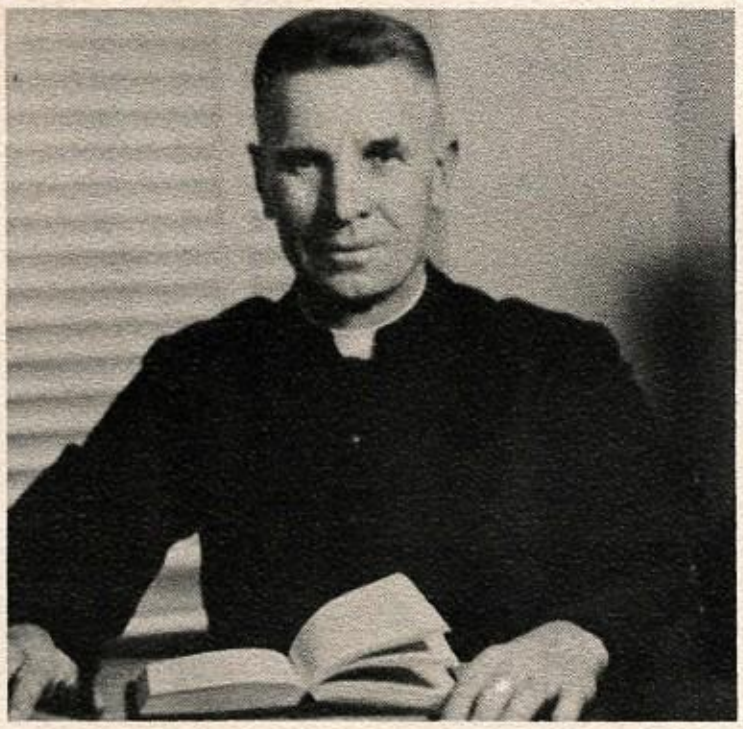

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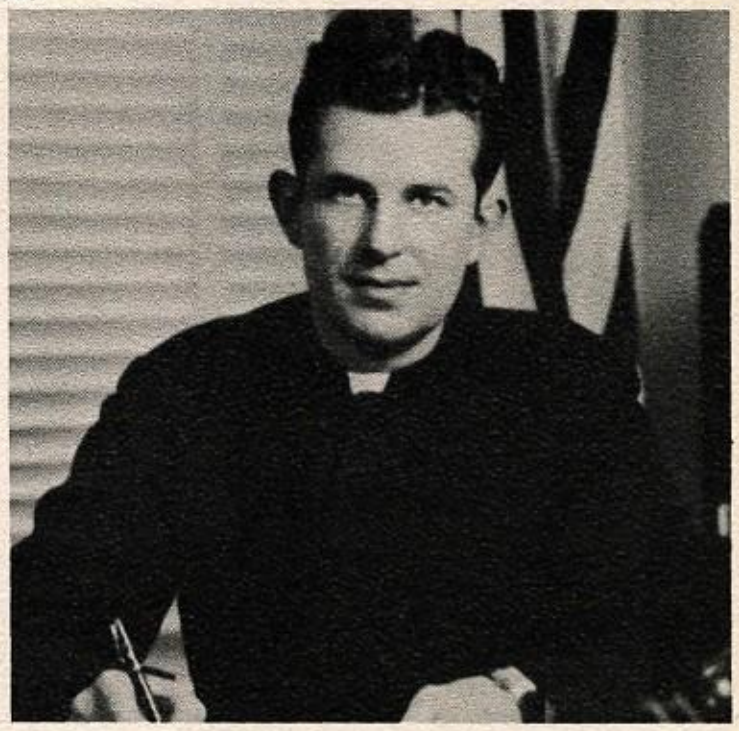

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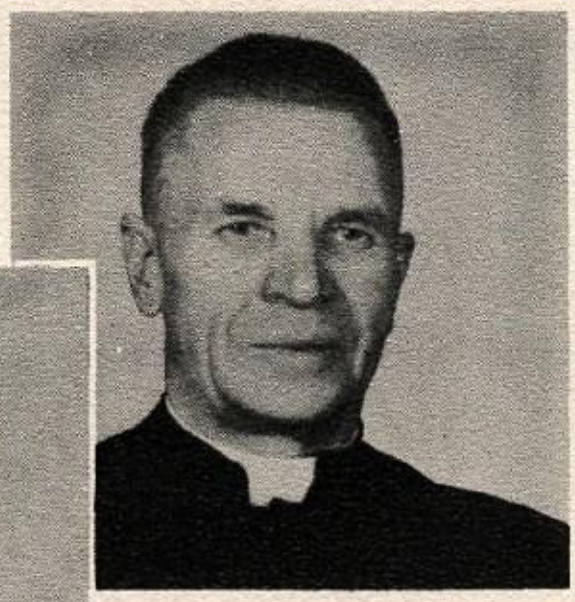

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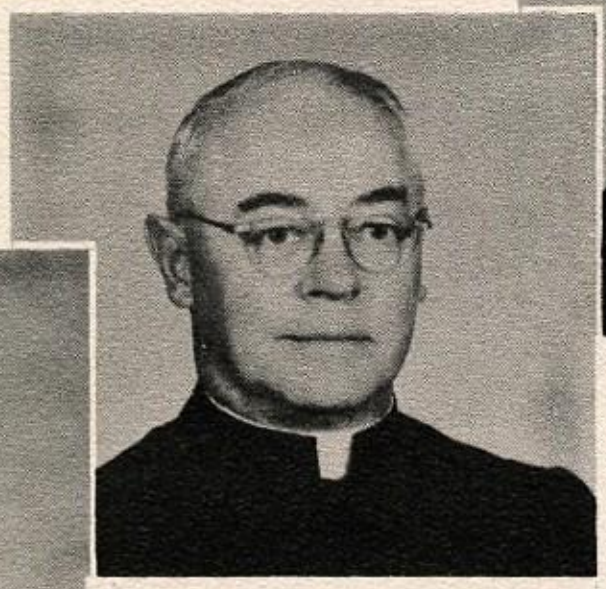

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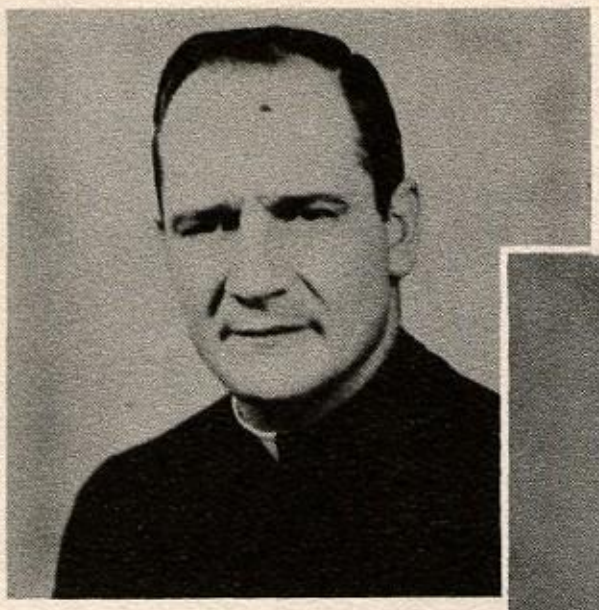

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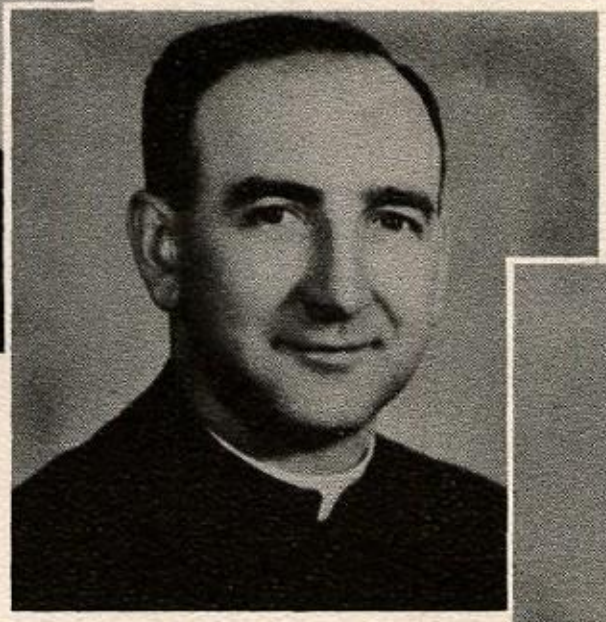

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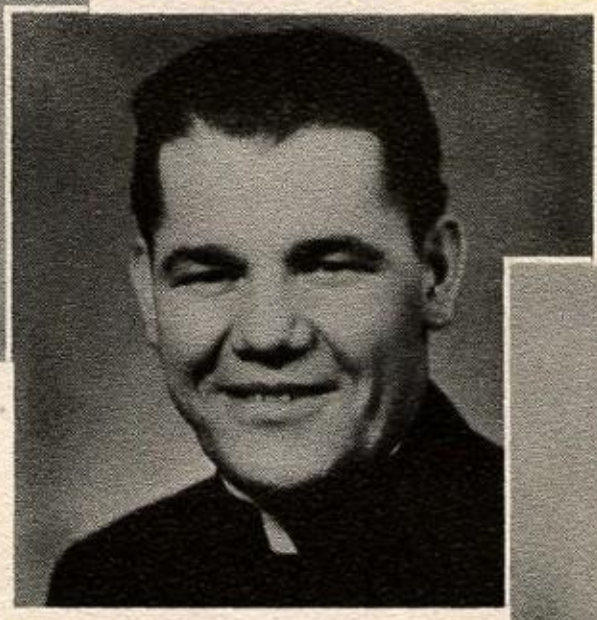

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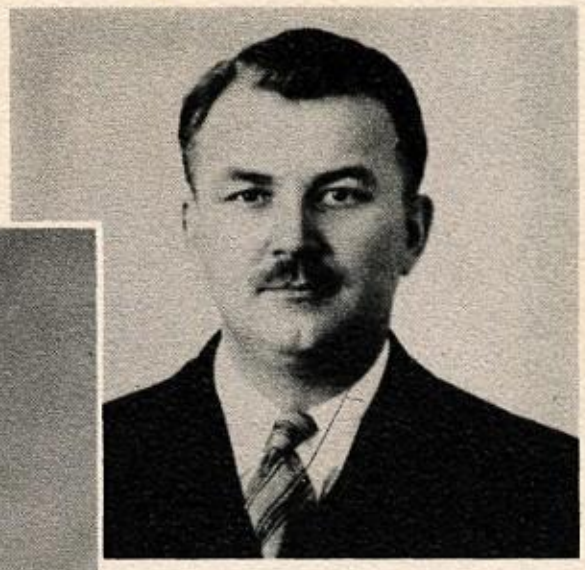

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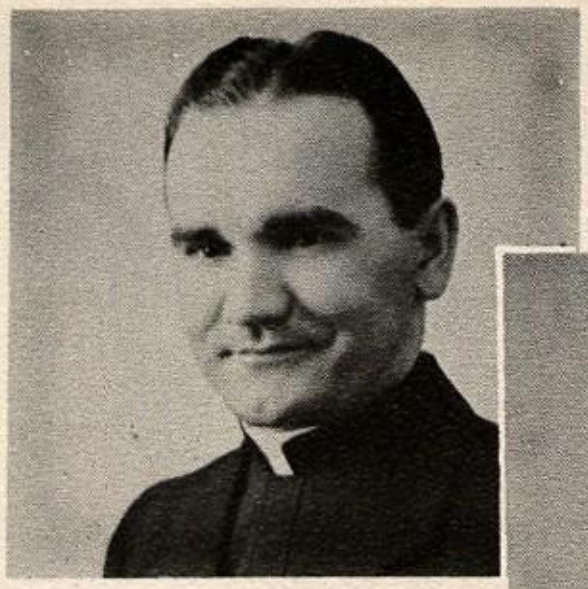

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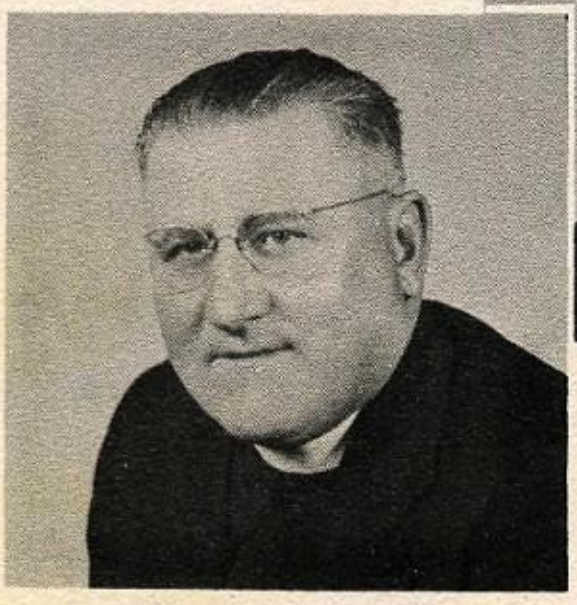

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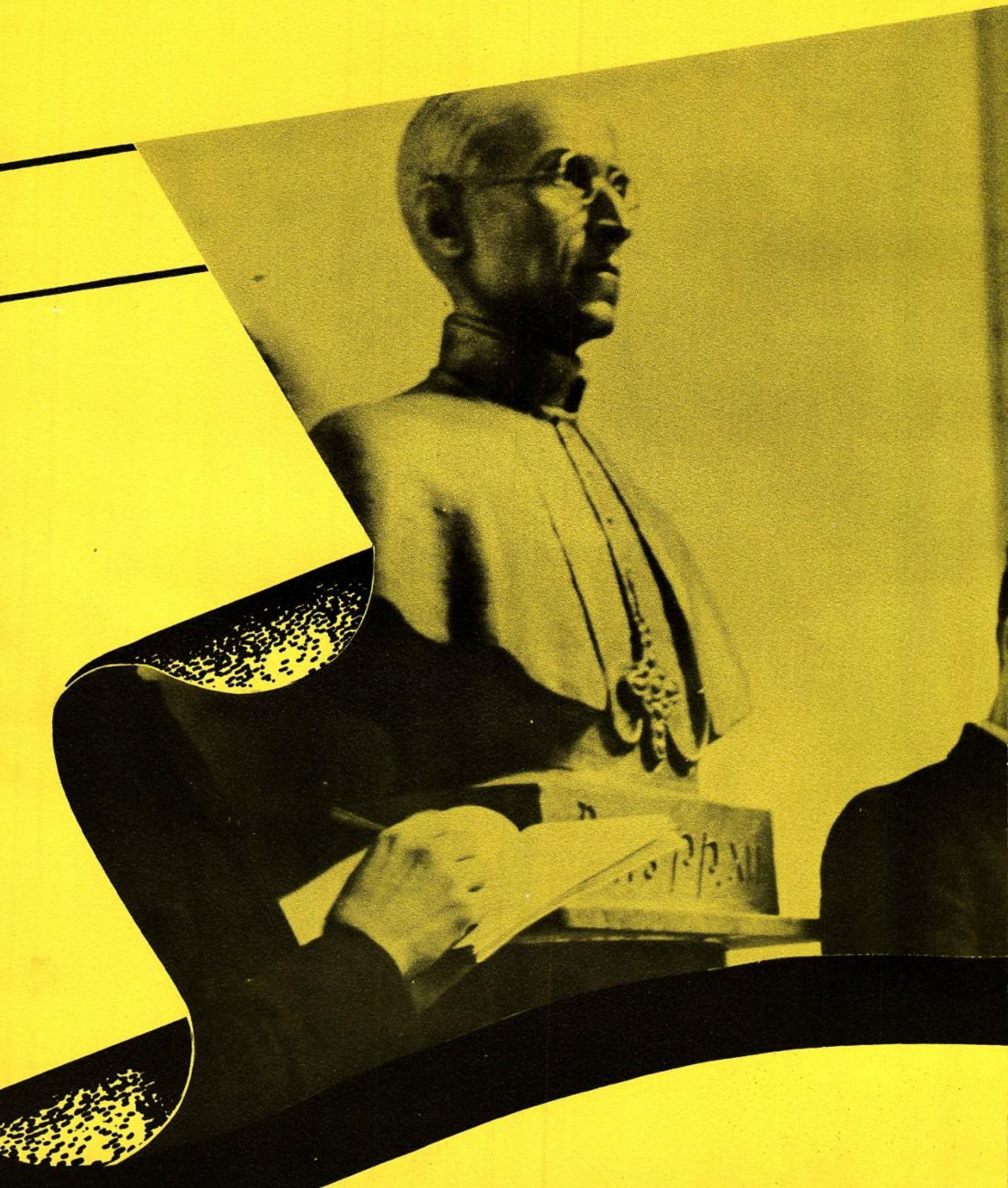

BOOK TWO

"KOŚCIÓŁ z natchnienia Bożego nakazuje wszędzie zakładać Seminaria, w których kandydaci do stanu duchownego mają się wychowywać pod szczególnie troskliwą opieką. Przeto, niech ci, którzy współdziałają w rządach Kościóła pamiętają o Seminariach jak o źrenicy oka, niech im poświęcają lwią część trosk swoich, niech staranie chronią dusze nietylko przed ponętami zdrożnemi w zakładzie, lecz także przed groźniejszymi niebezpieczeństwami, na które narażeni będą w świecie, a których wszakże oprzeć się muszą aby wszystkich zbawili."

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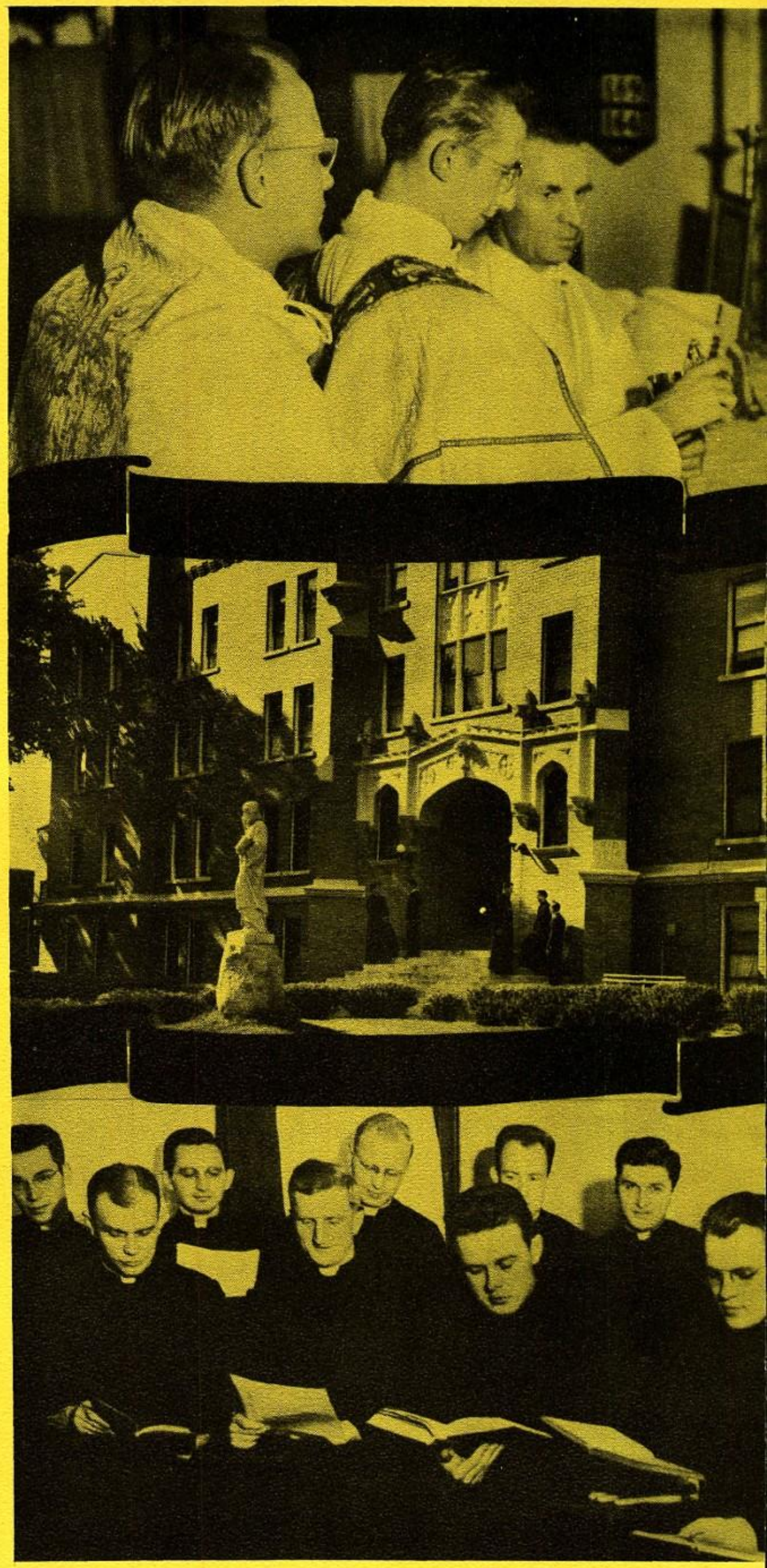

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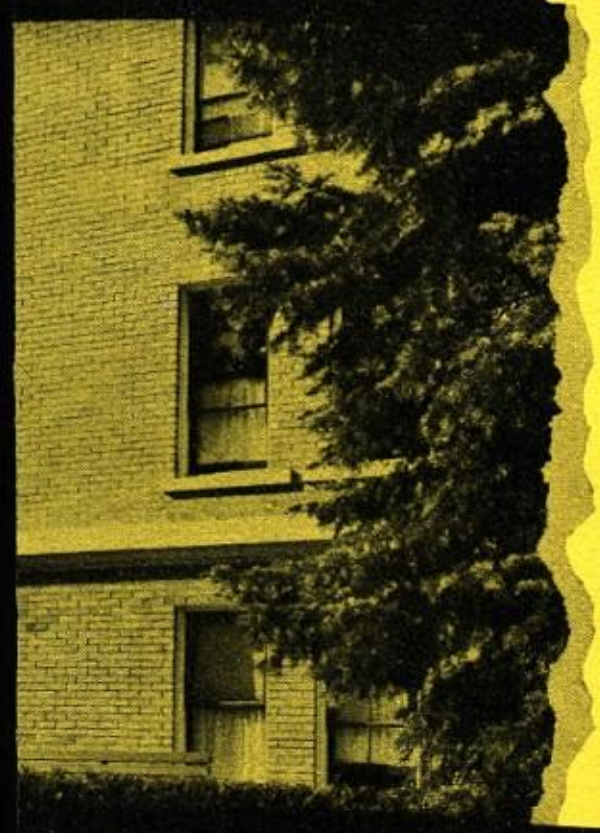

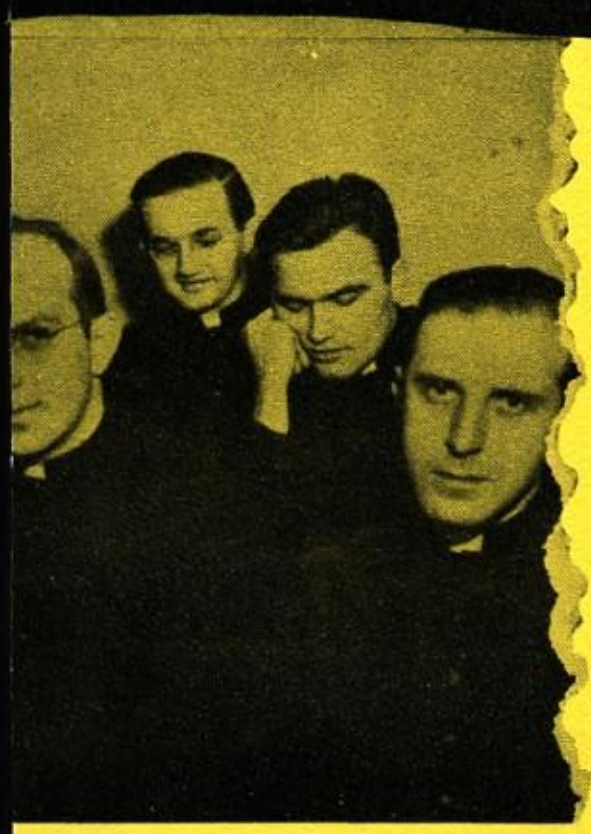

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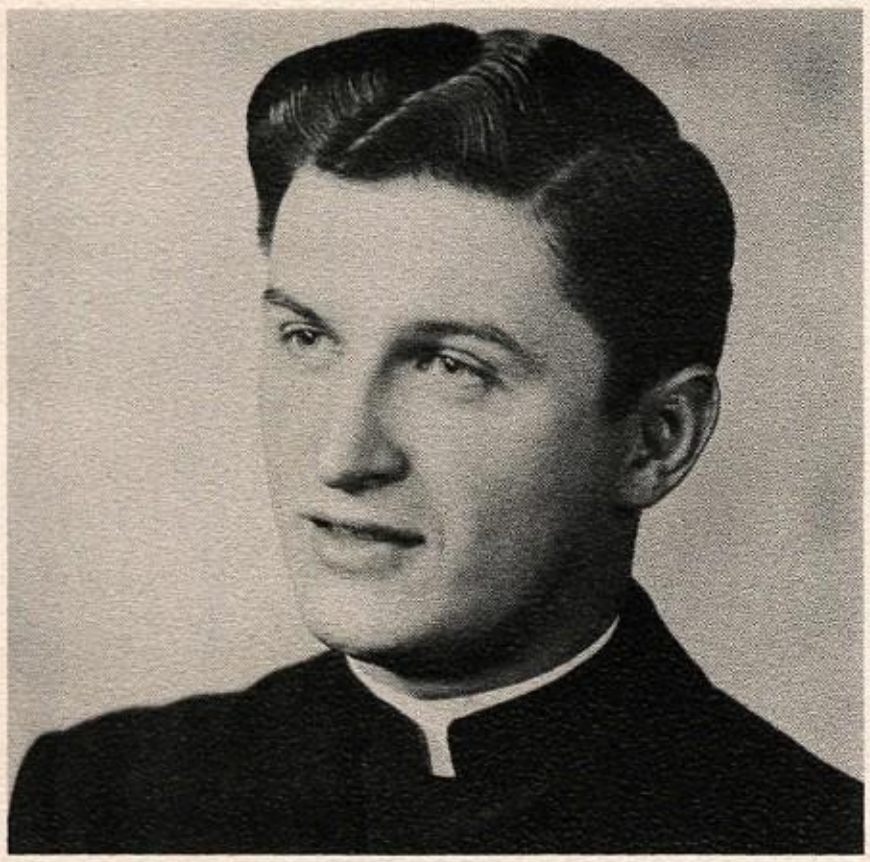

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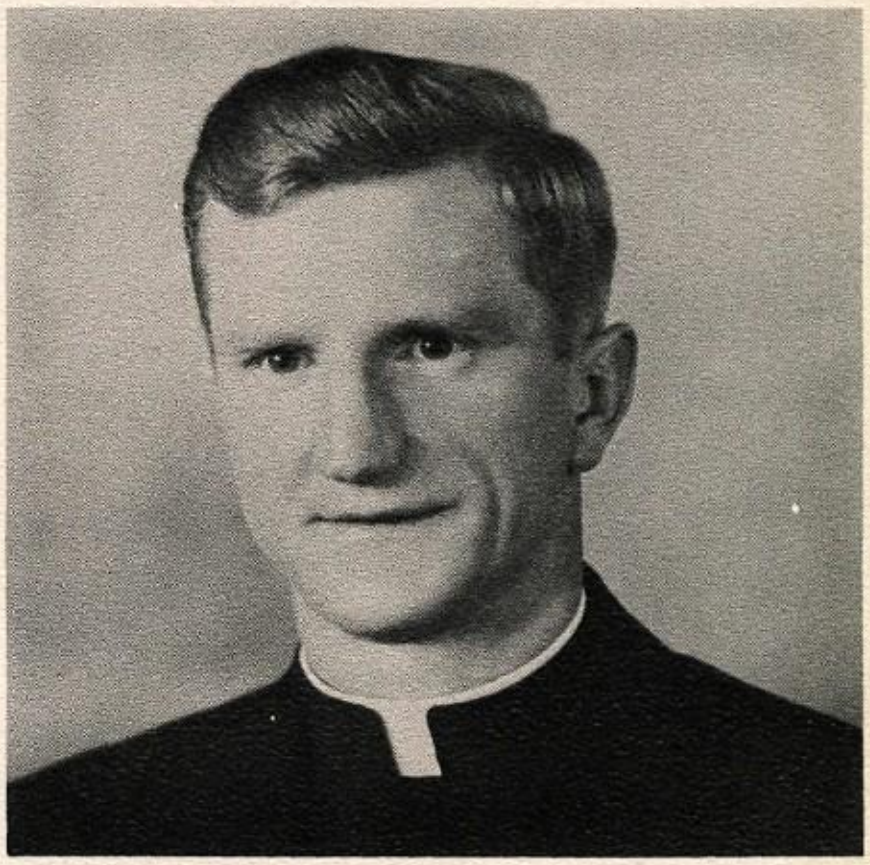

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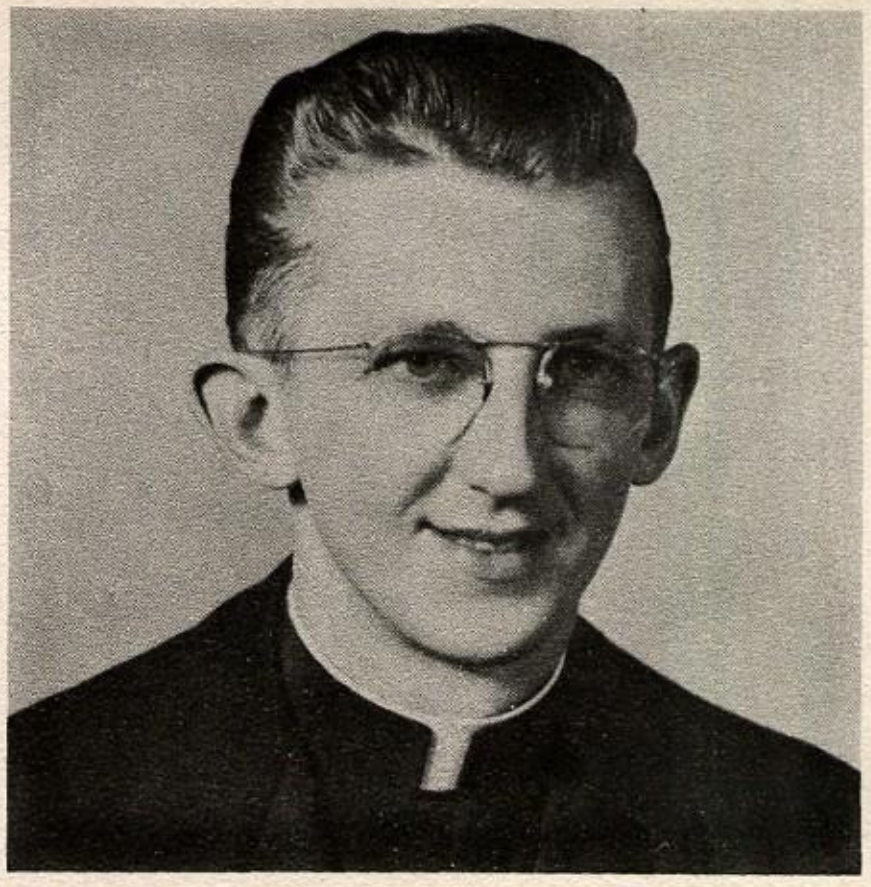

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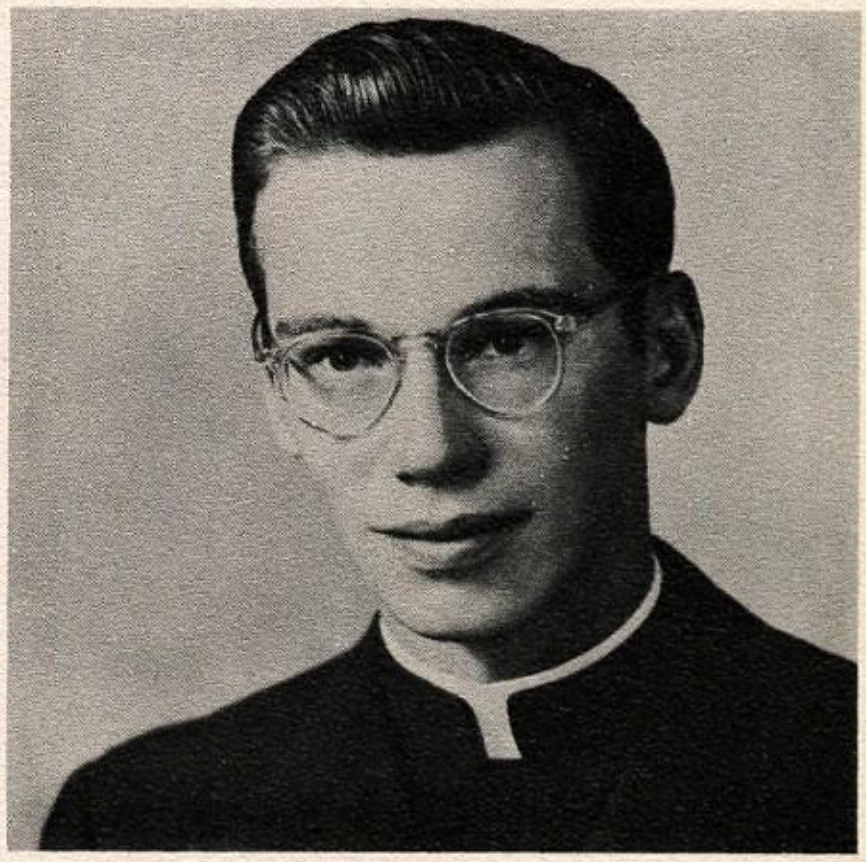

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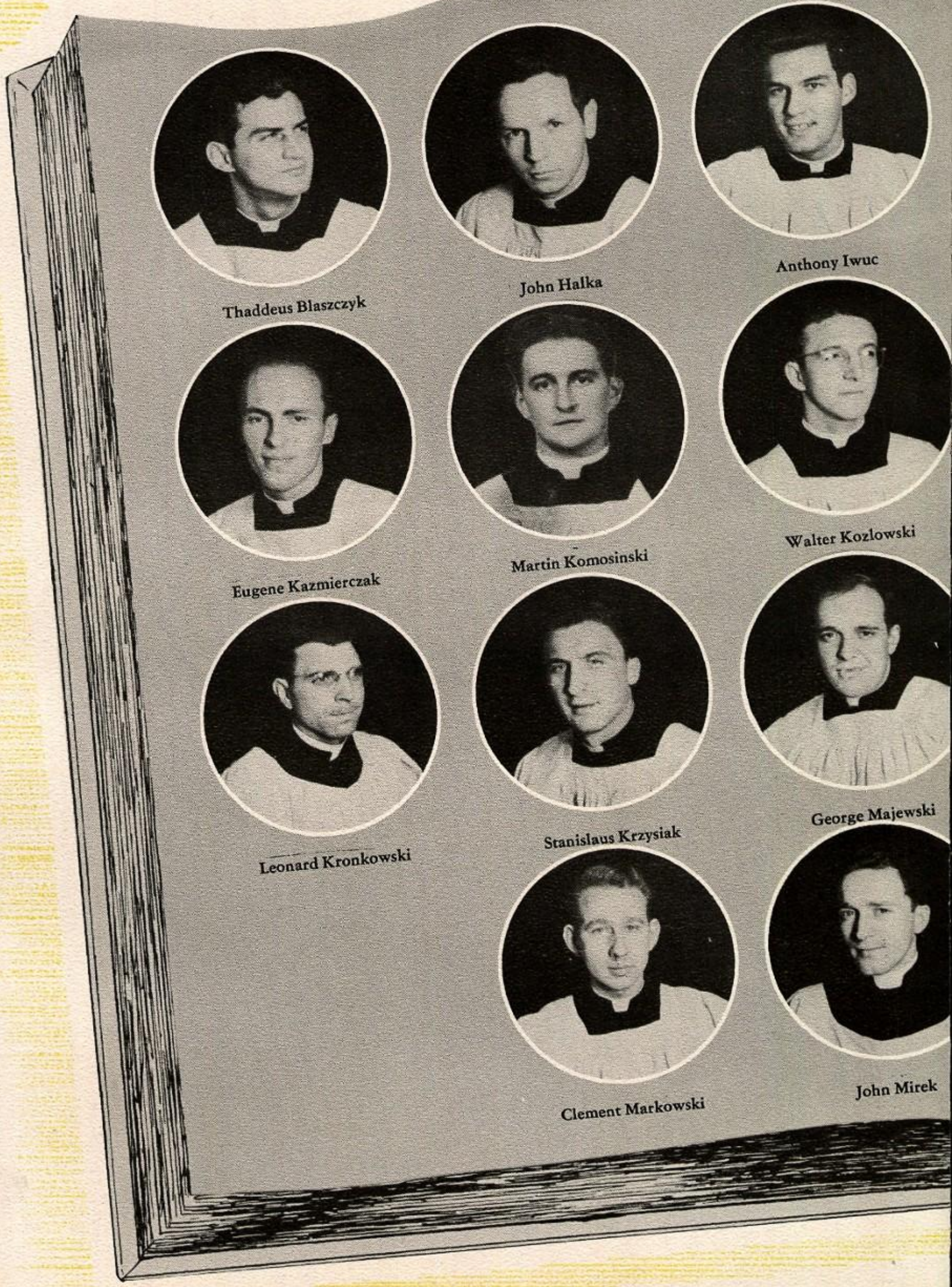

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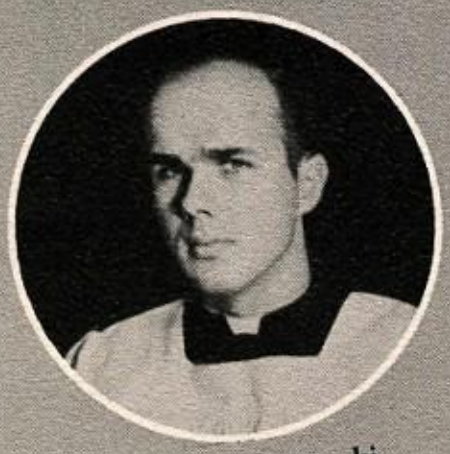

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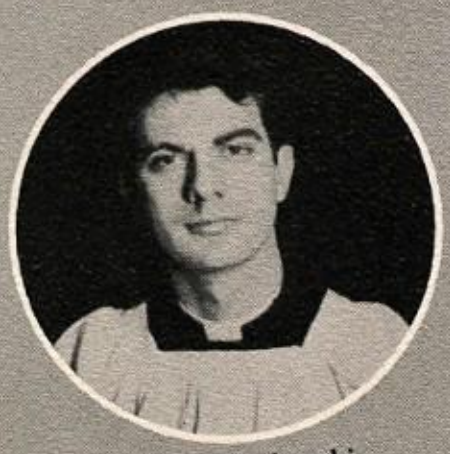

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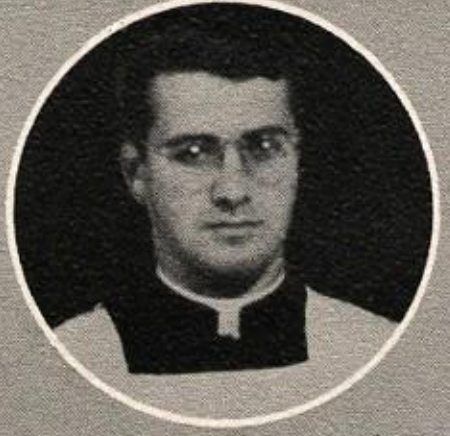

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"WŁAŚCIWYM i bezpośrednim celem chrześcijańskiego wychowania jest współdziałać z łaską Bożą w urabianiu prawdziwego i doskonałego chrześcijanina t.j. samego Chrystusa w ludziach przez Chrzest odrodzonych.

I właśnie dlatego chrześcijańskie wychowanie obejmuje cały zakres ludzkiego życia, fizycznego, indywidualnego, intelektualnego i moralnego, rodzinnego i społecznego nie żeby je w jakikolwiek sposób umniejszyć, ale żeby je podnieść, niem pokierować i udoskonalić wedle przykładu i nauki Chrystusa."

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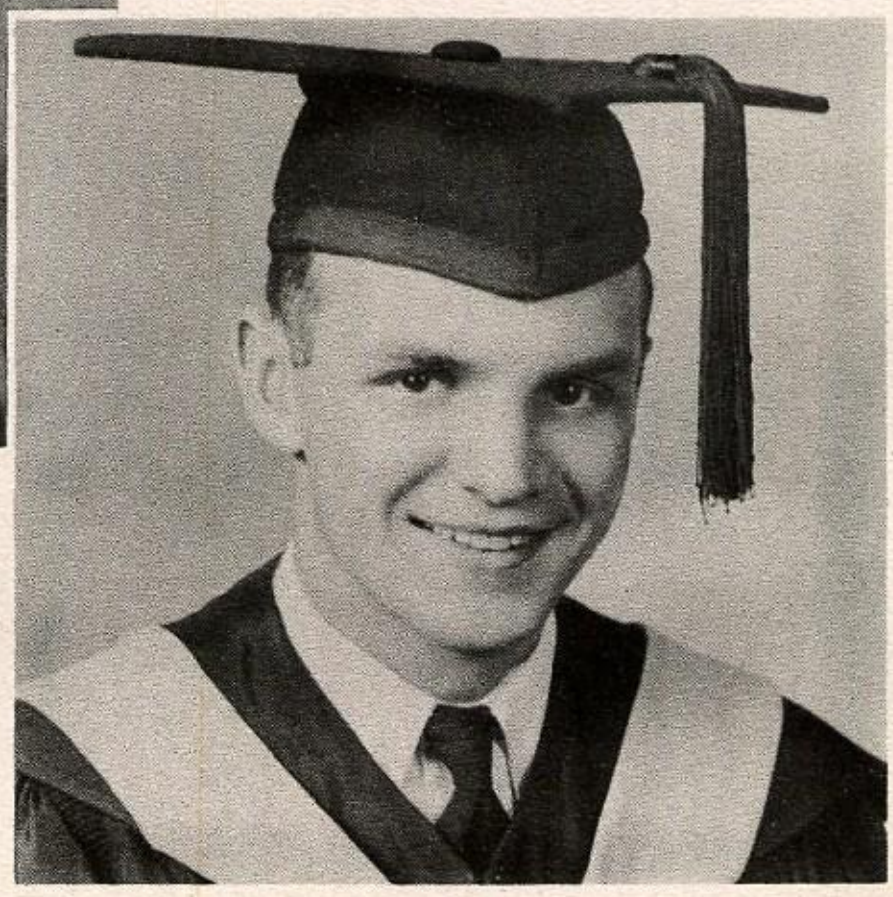

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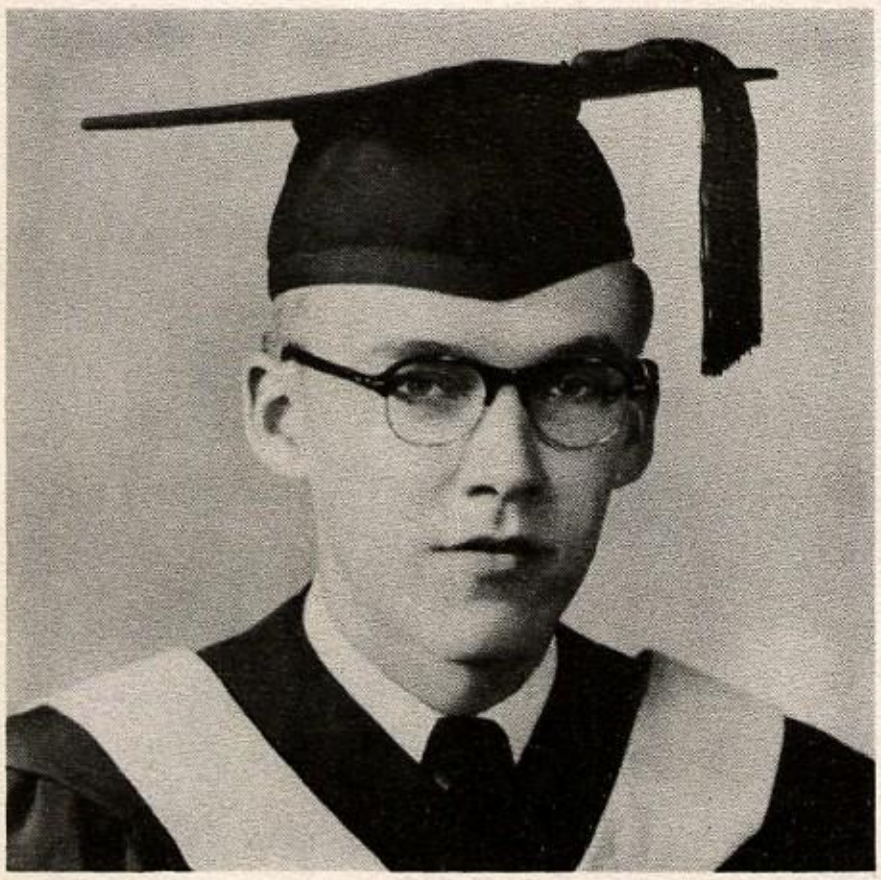

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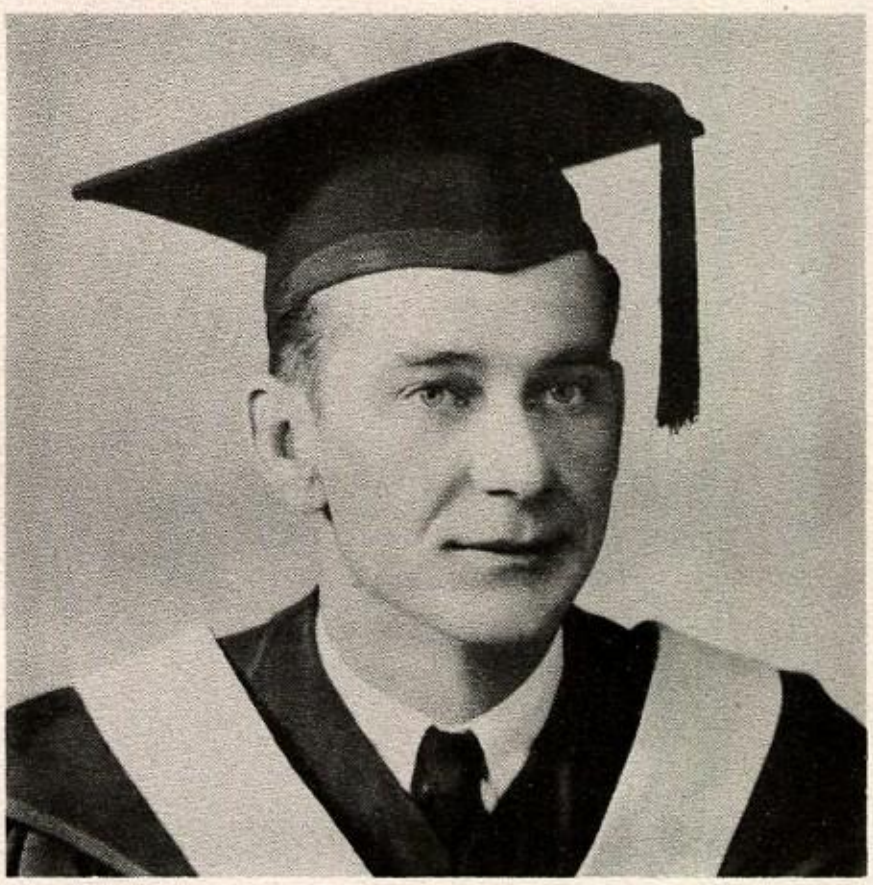

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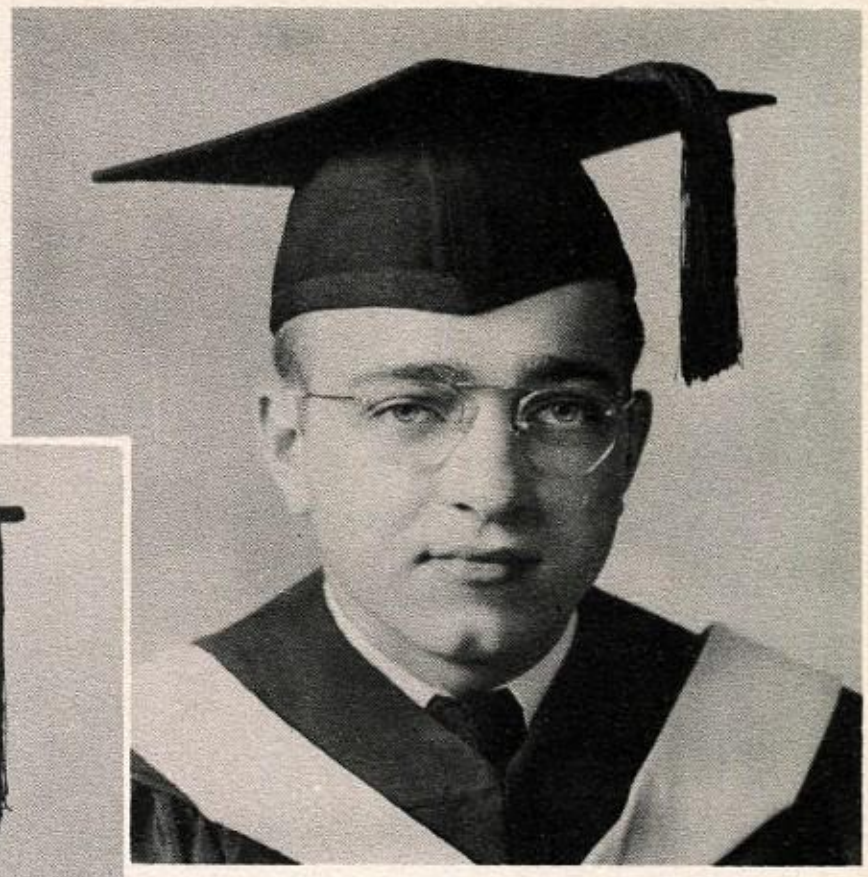

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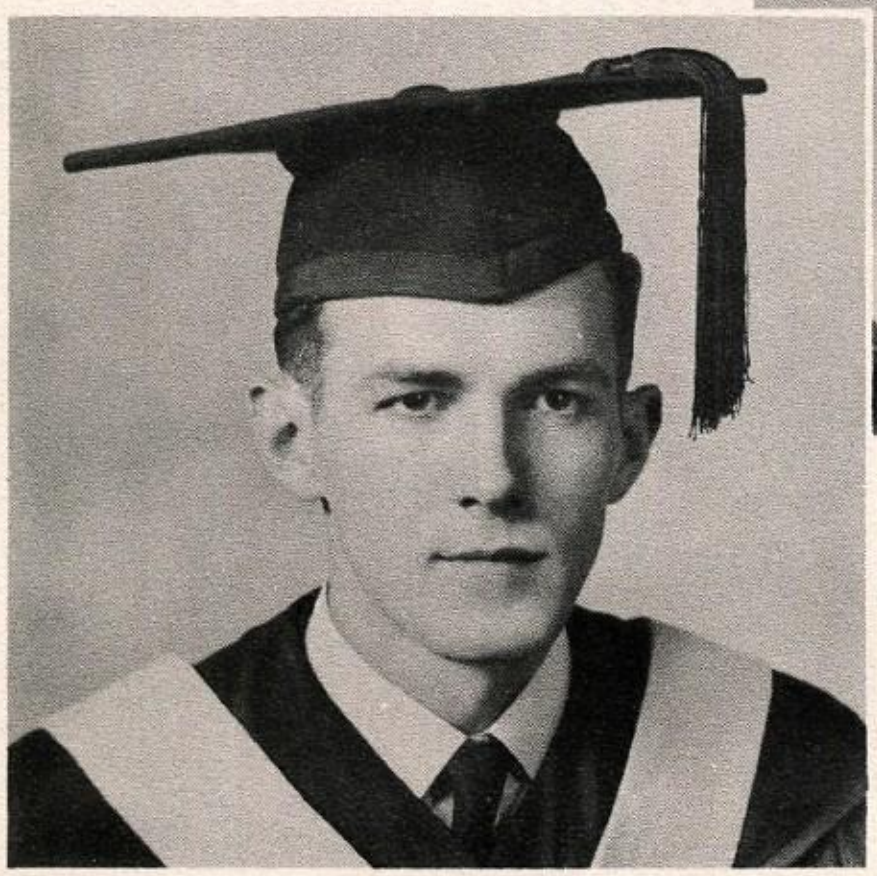

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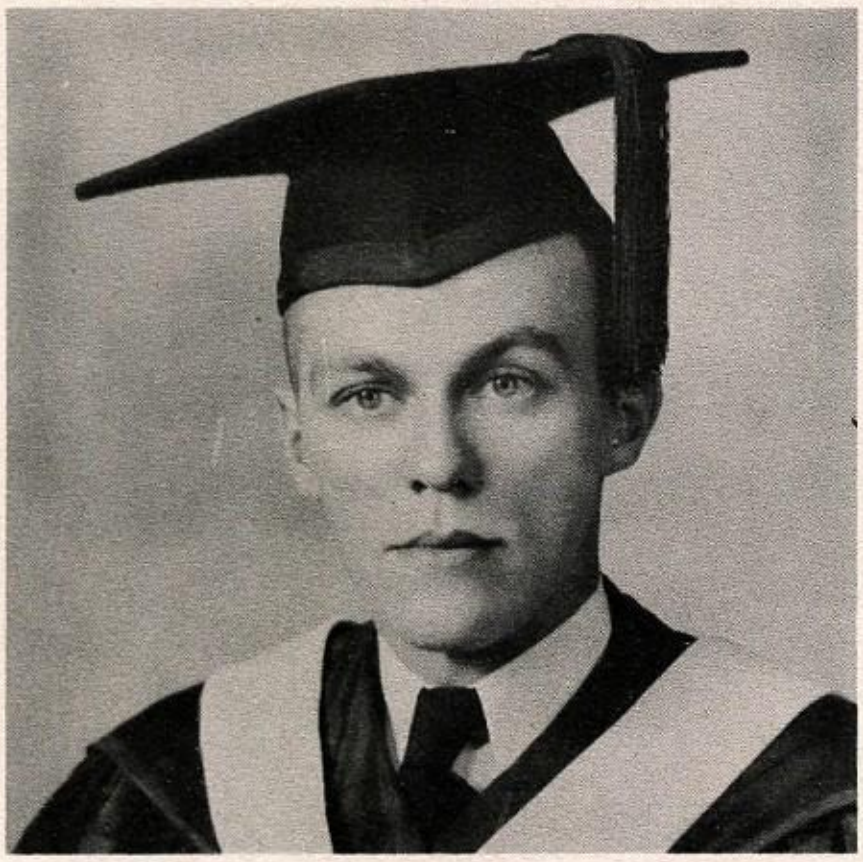

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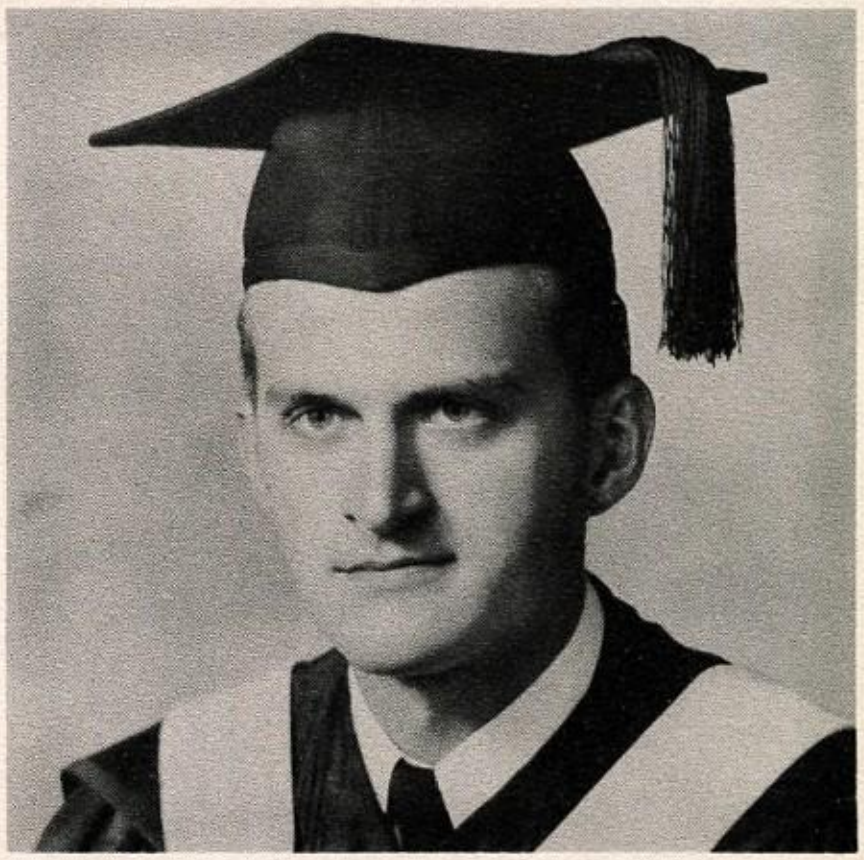

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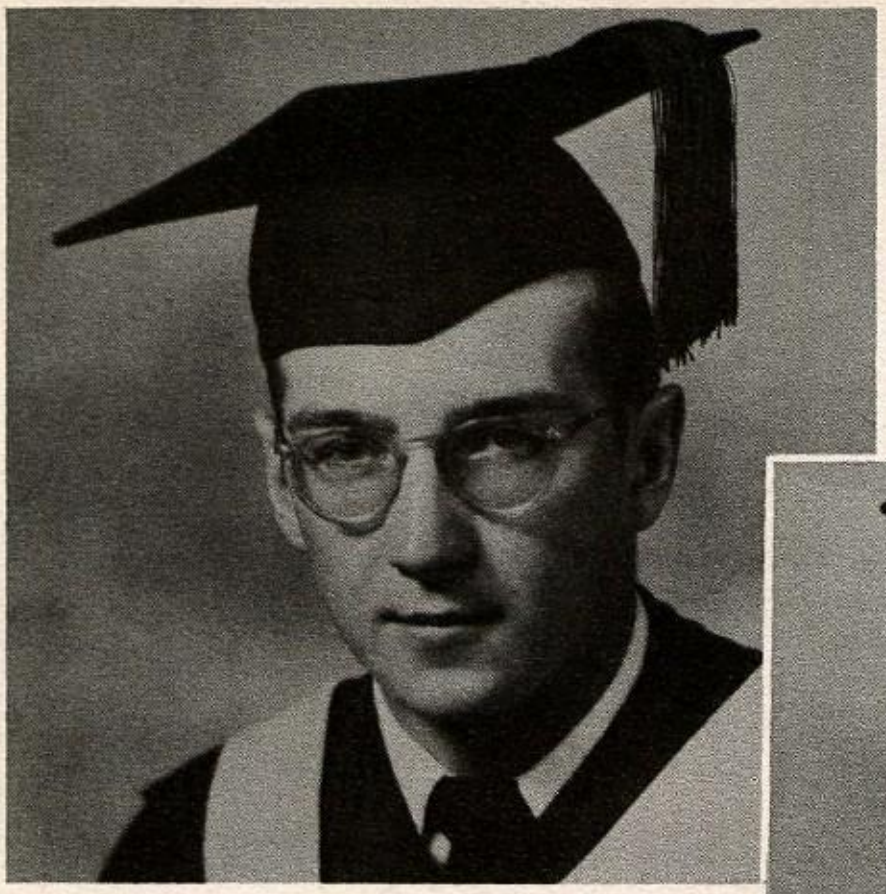

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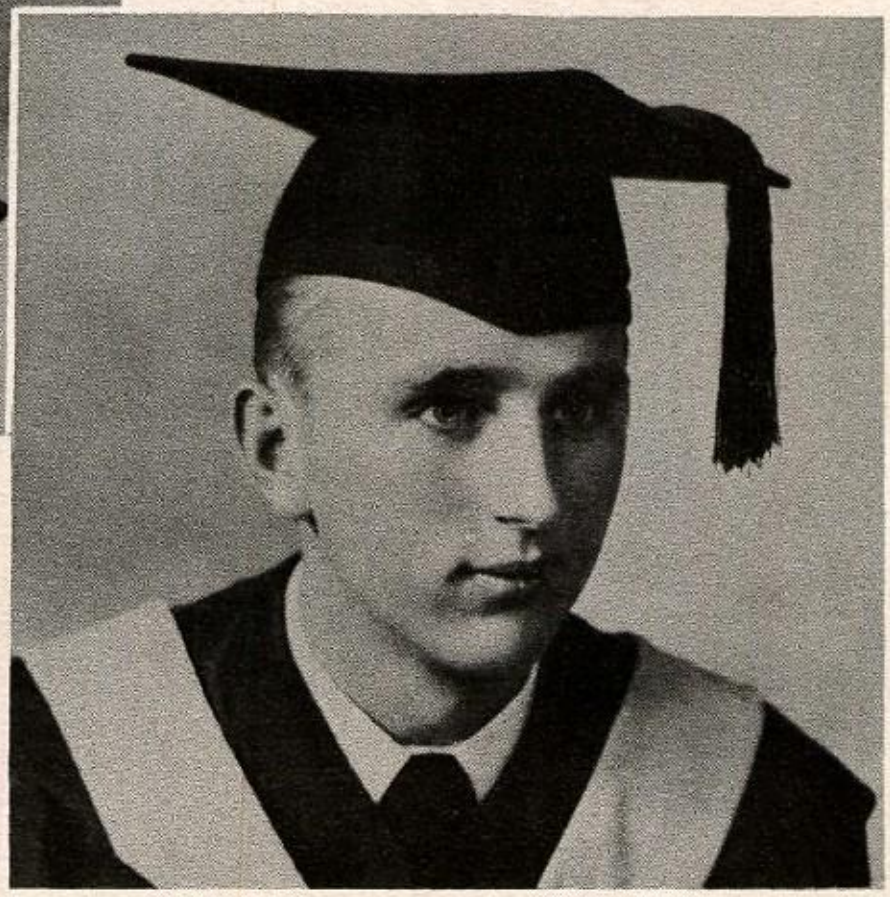

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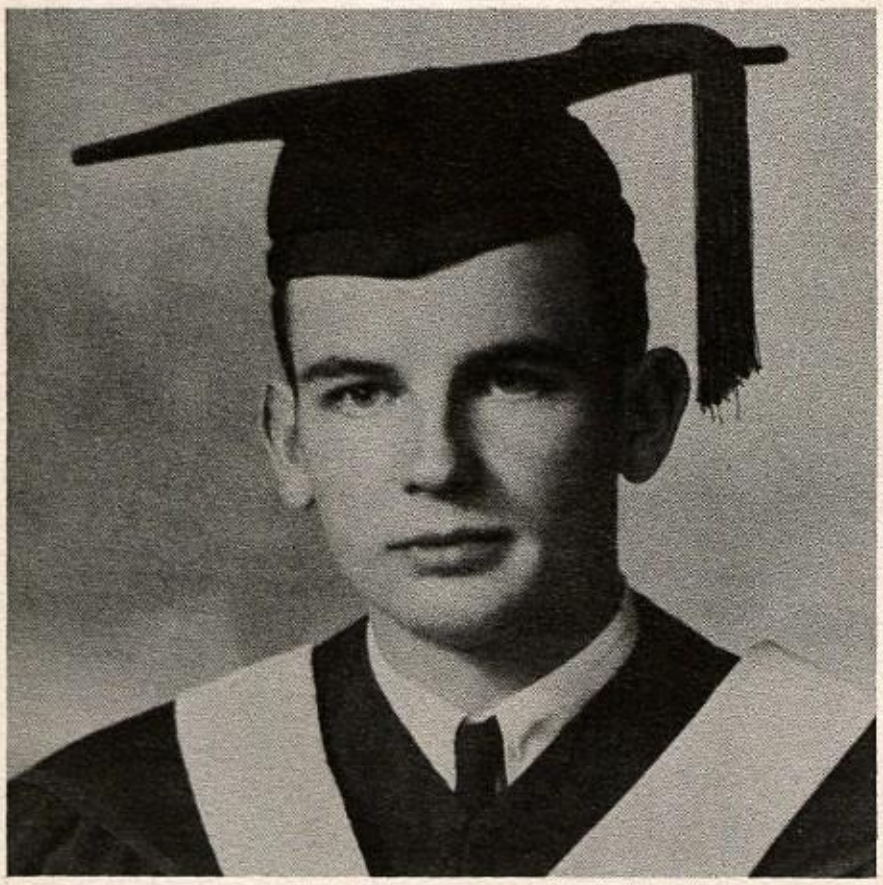

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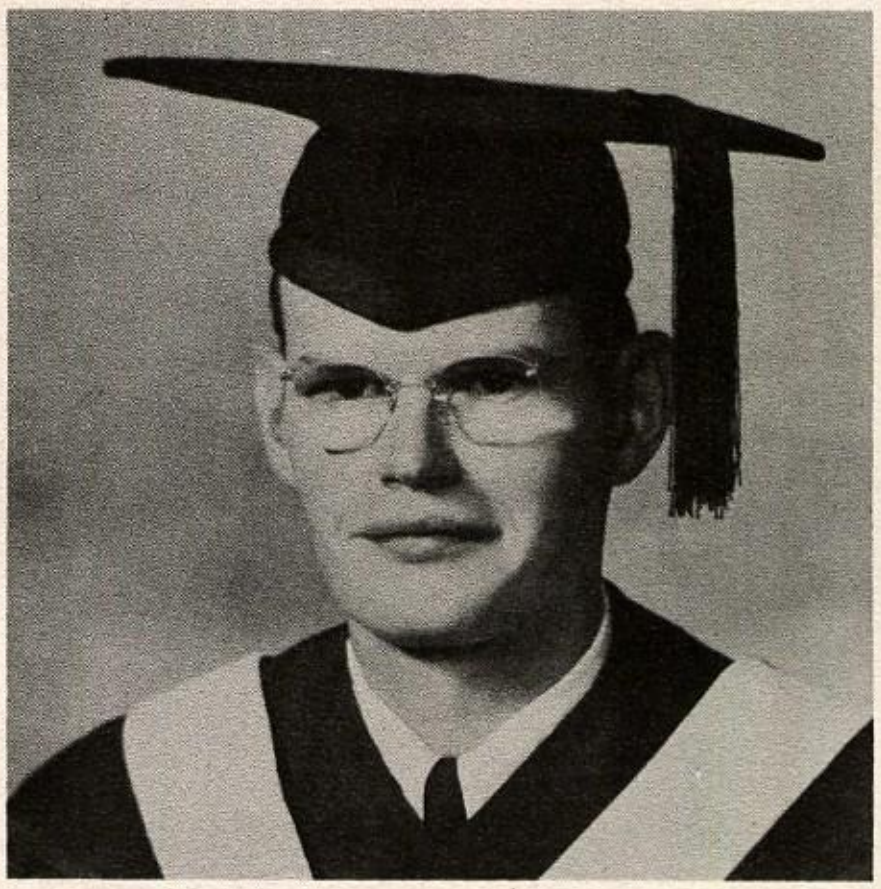

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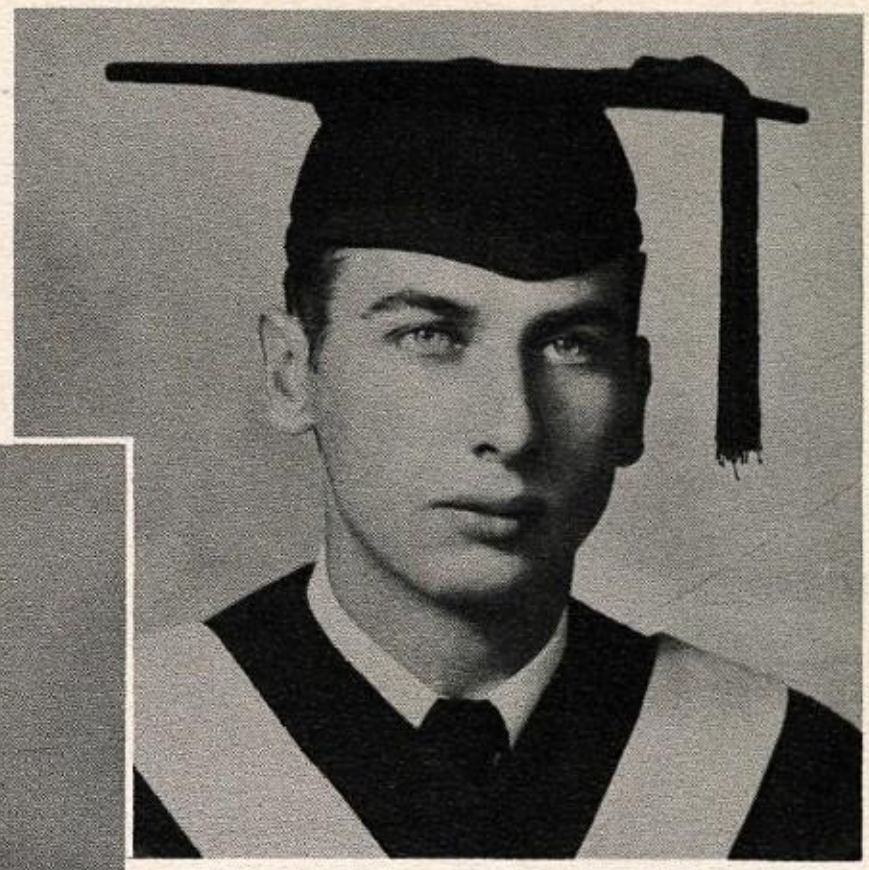

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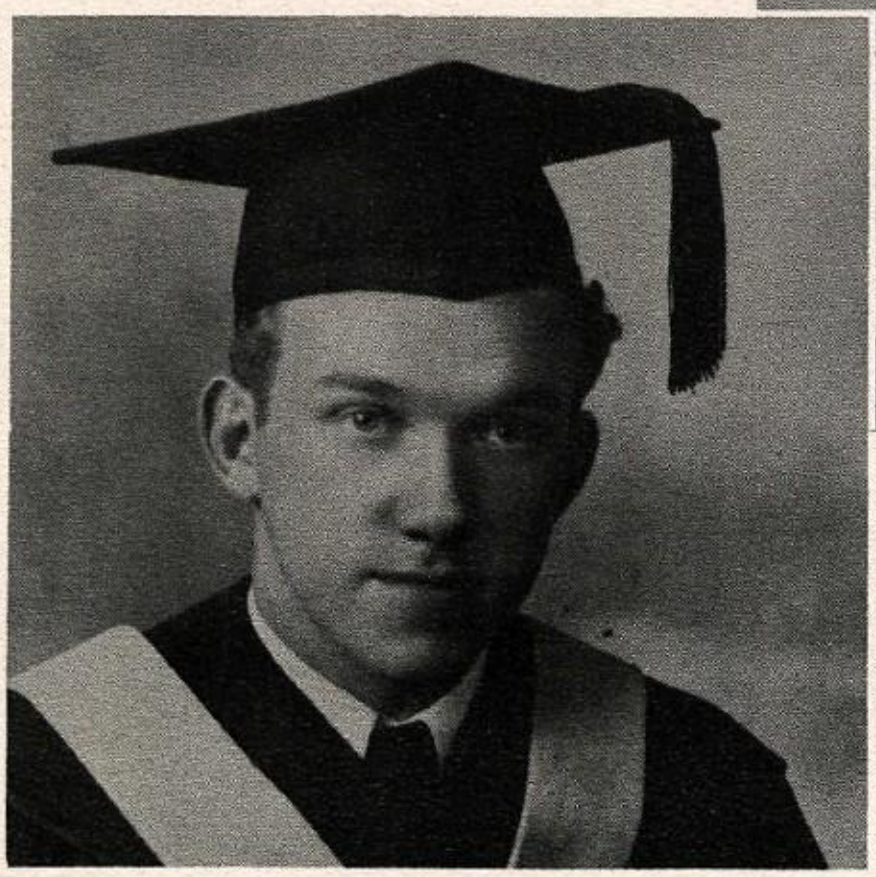

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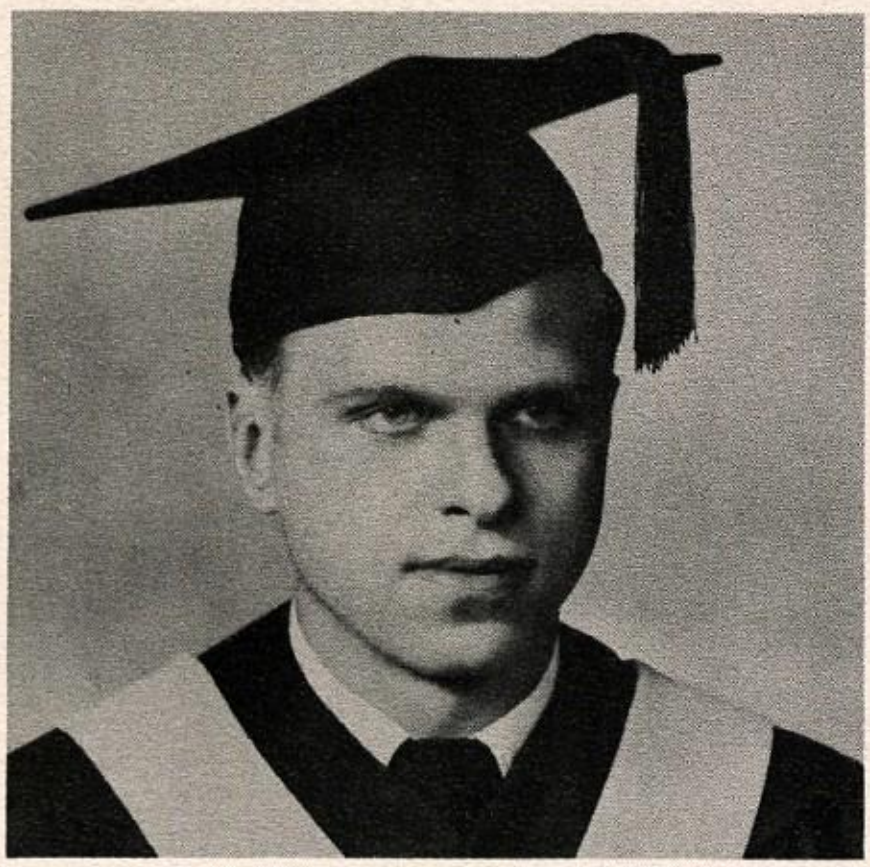

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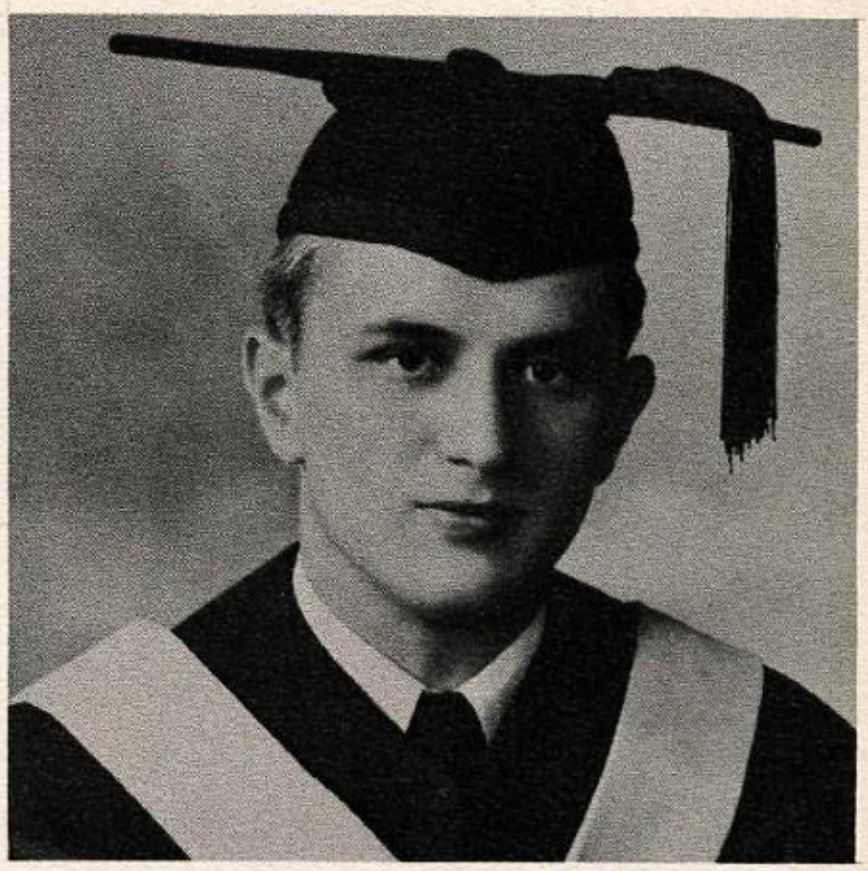

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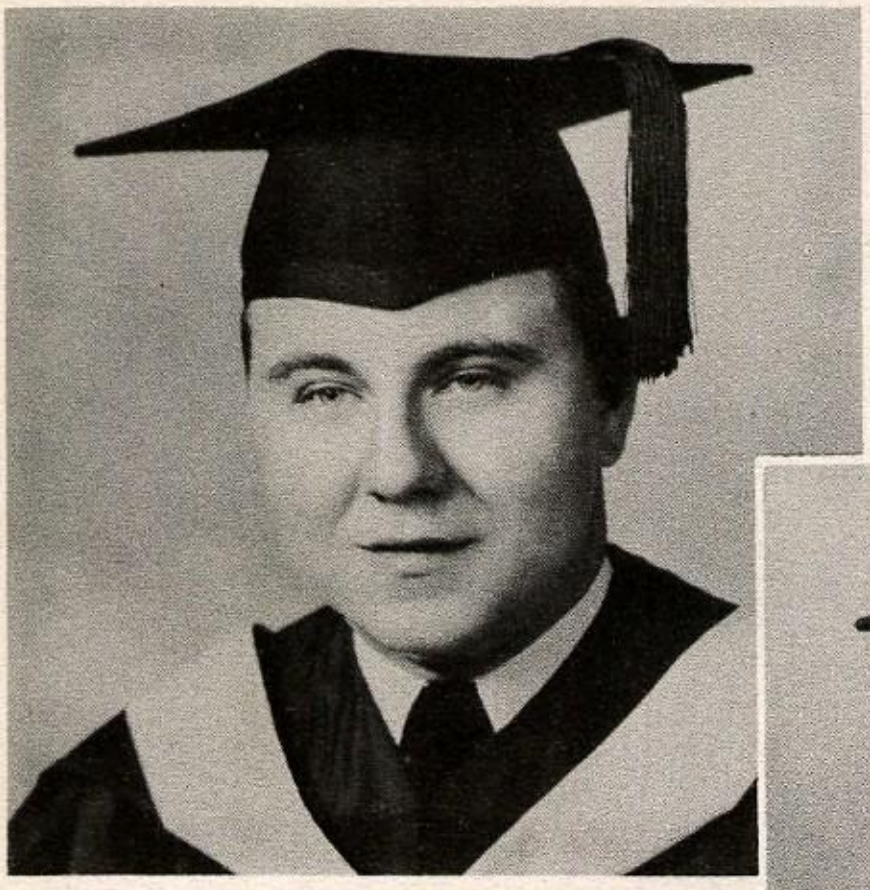

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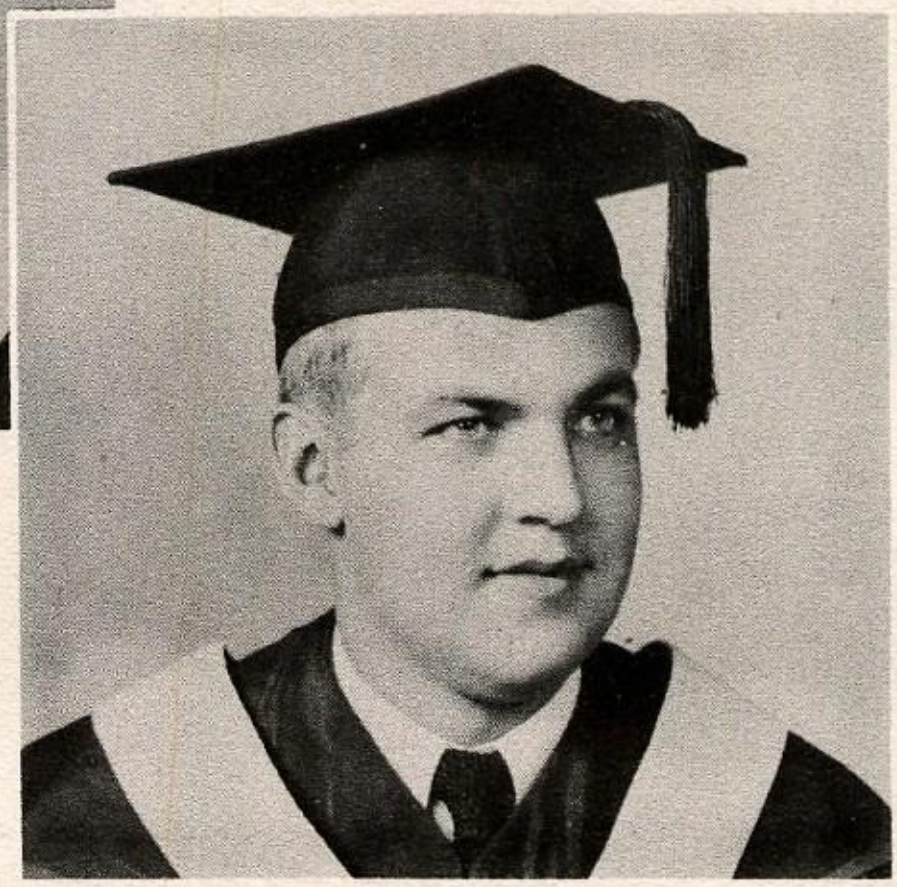

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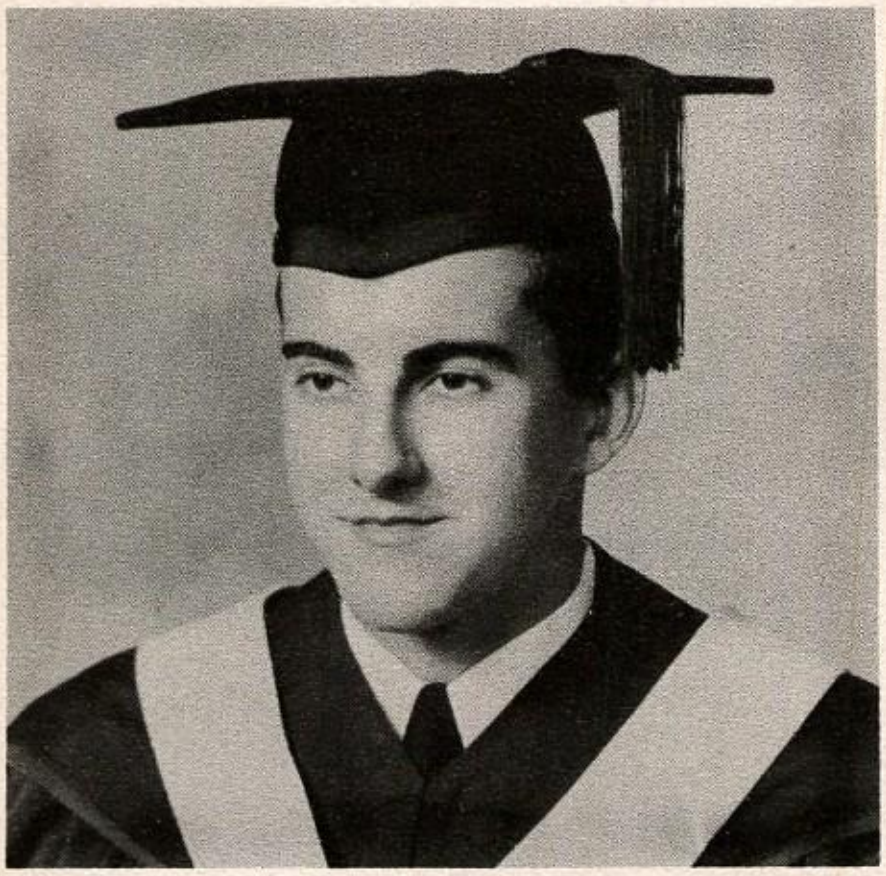

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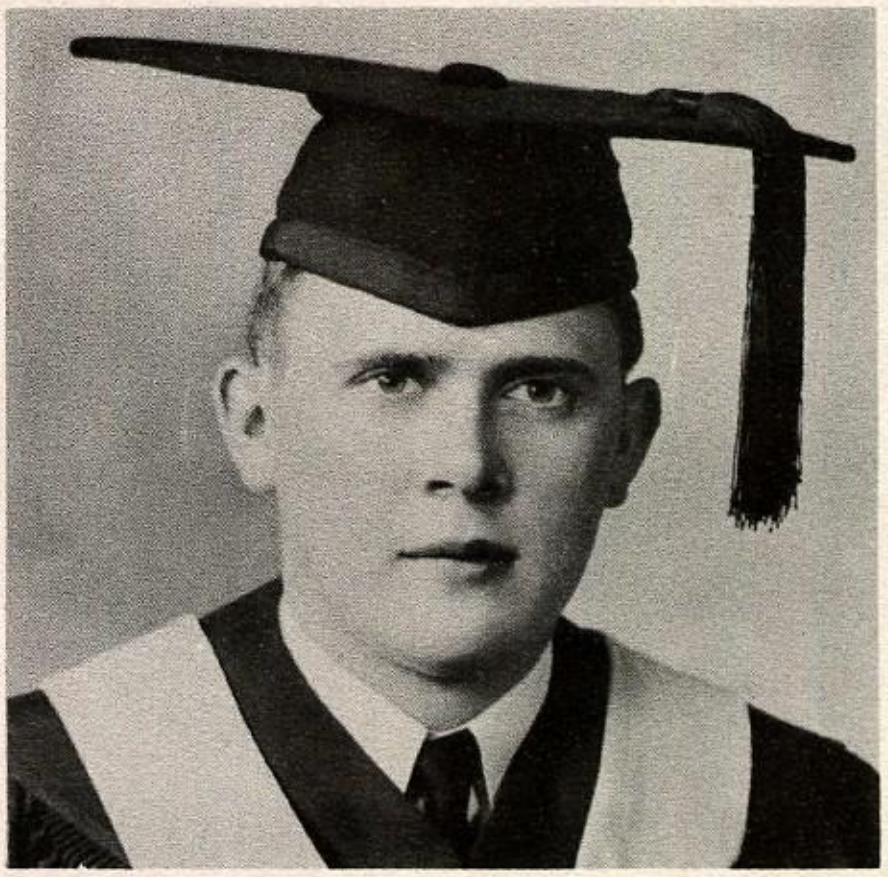

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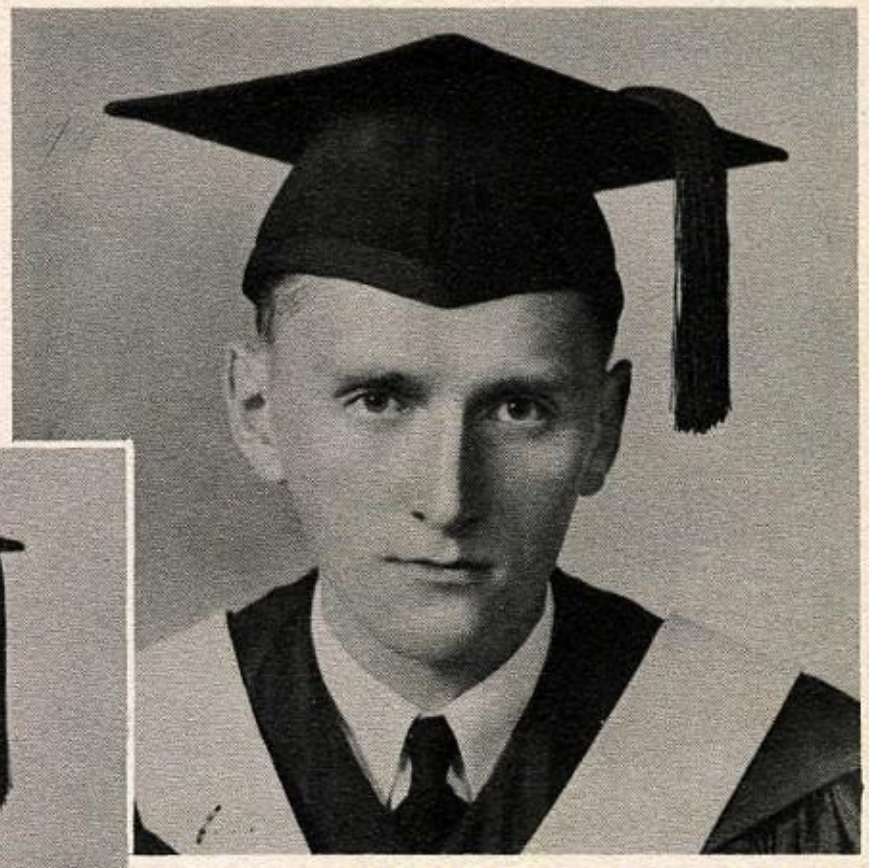

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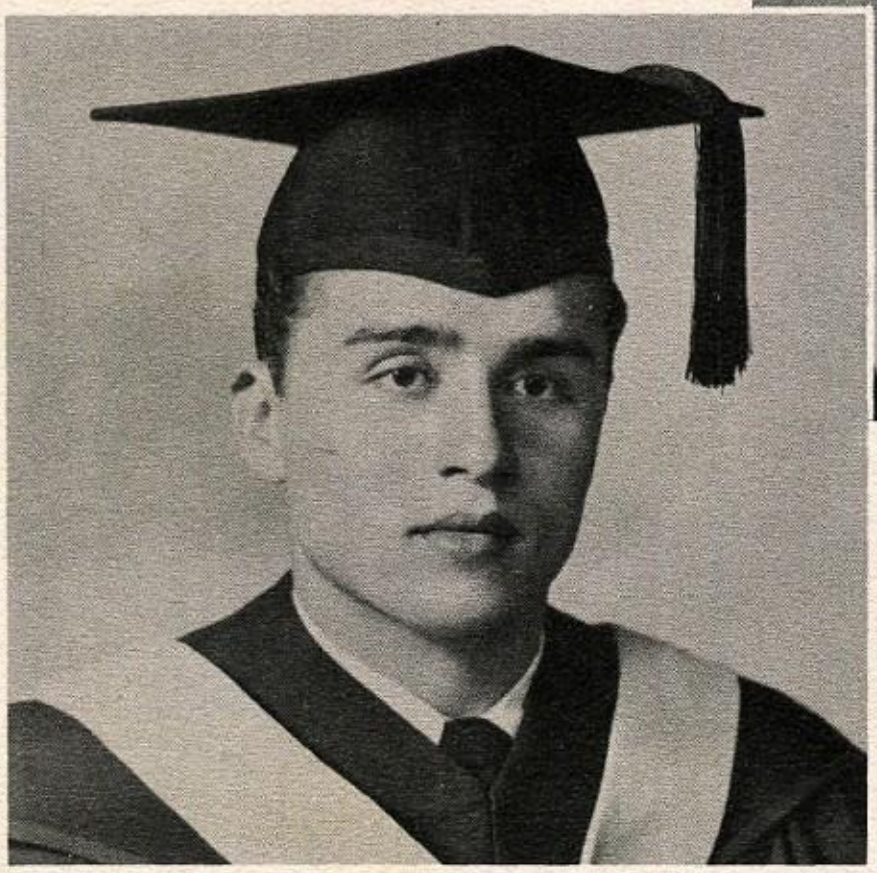

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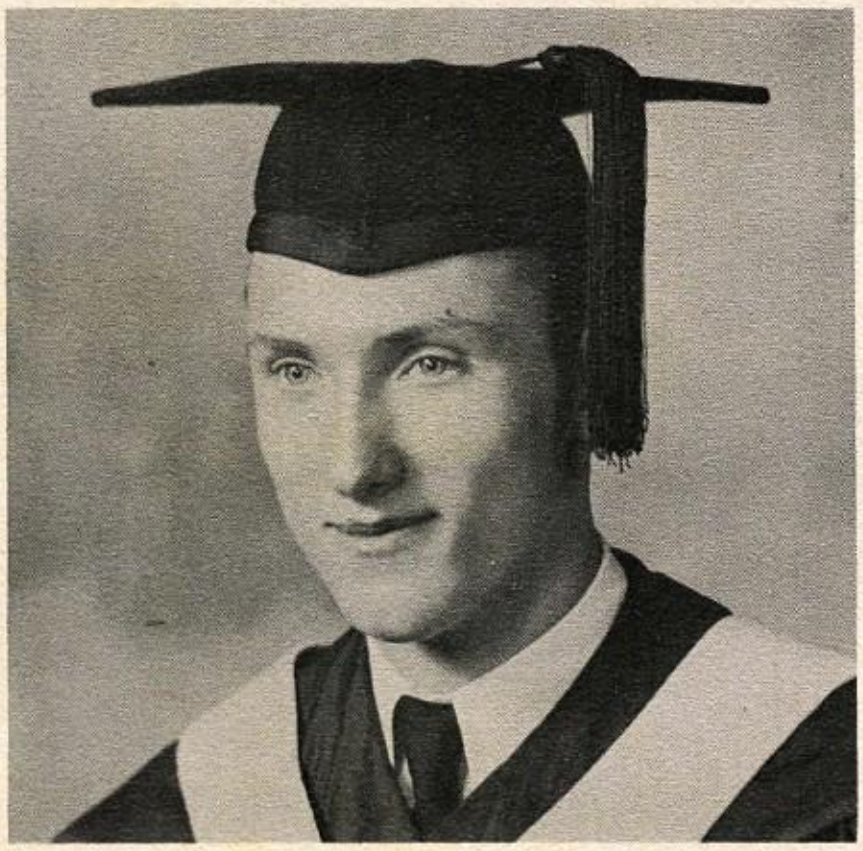

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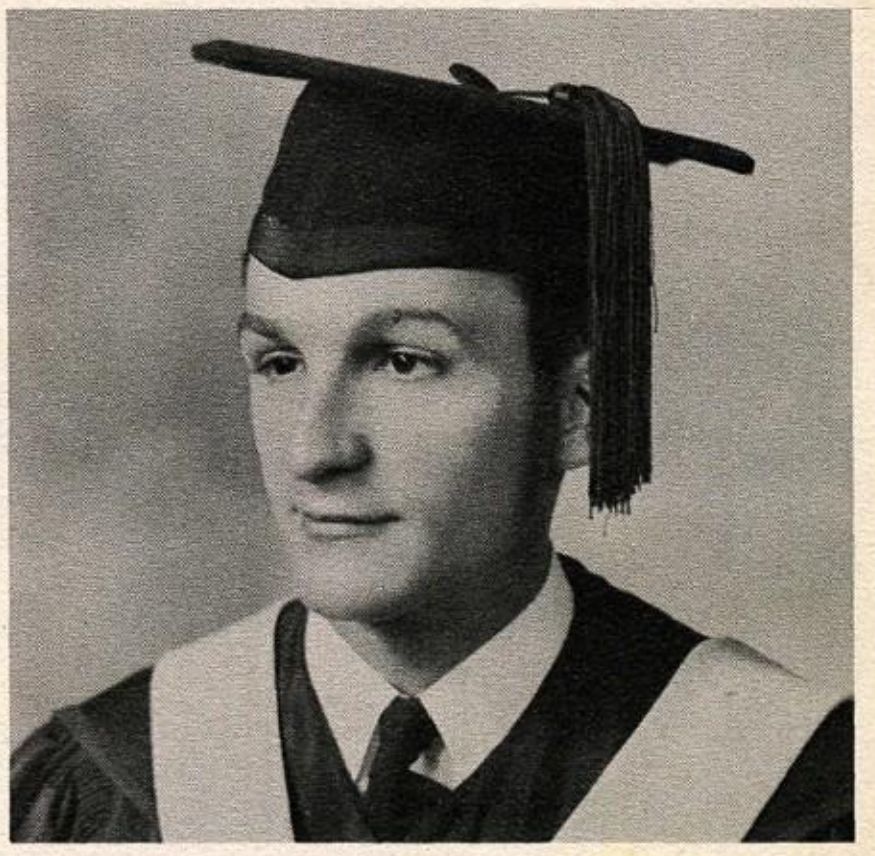

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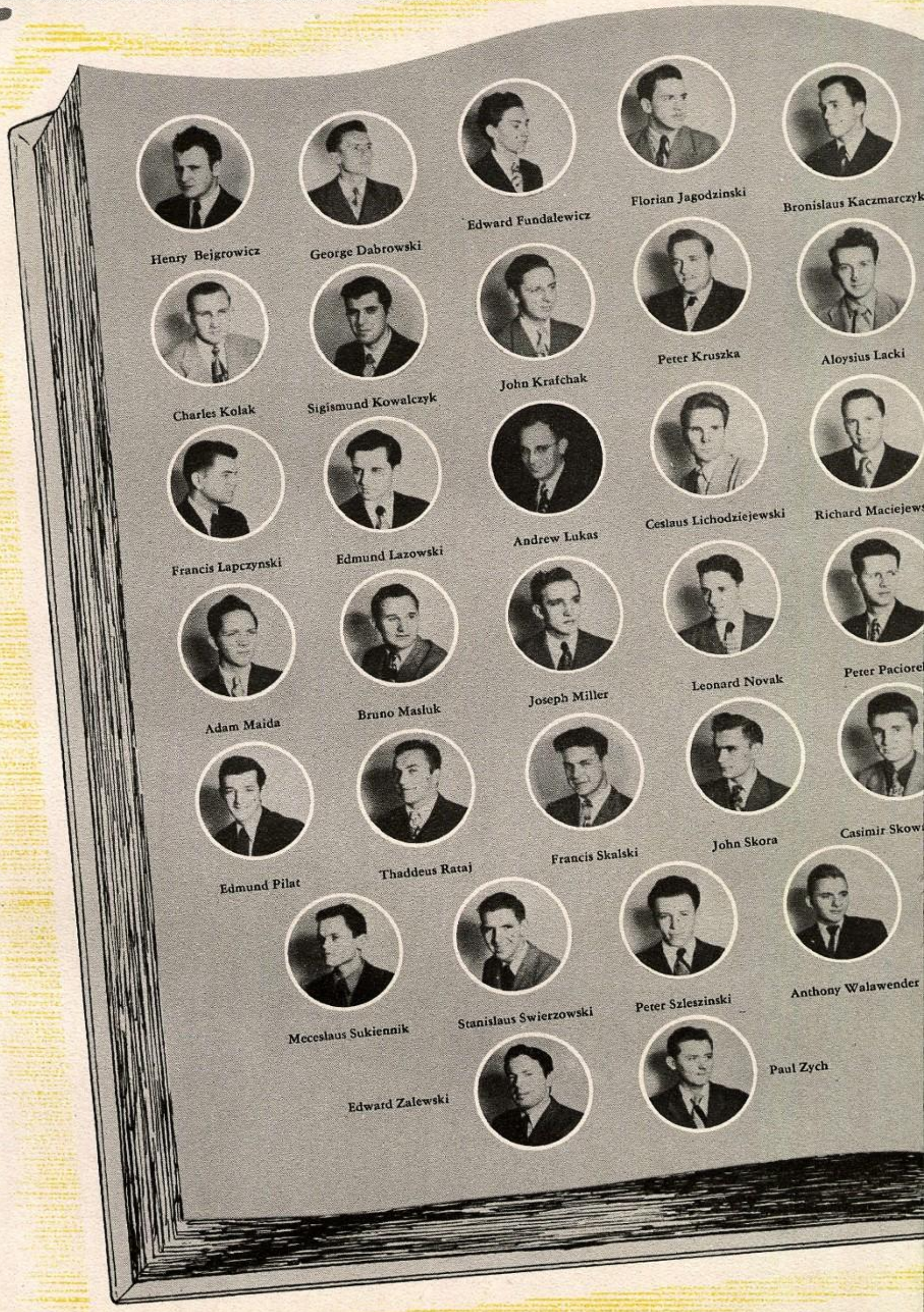
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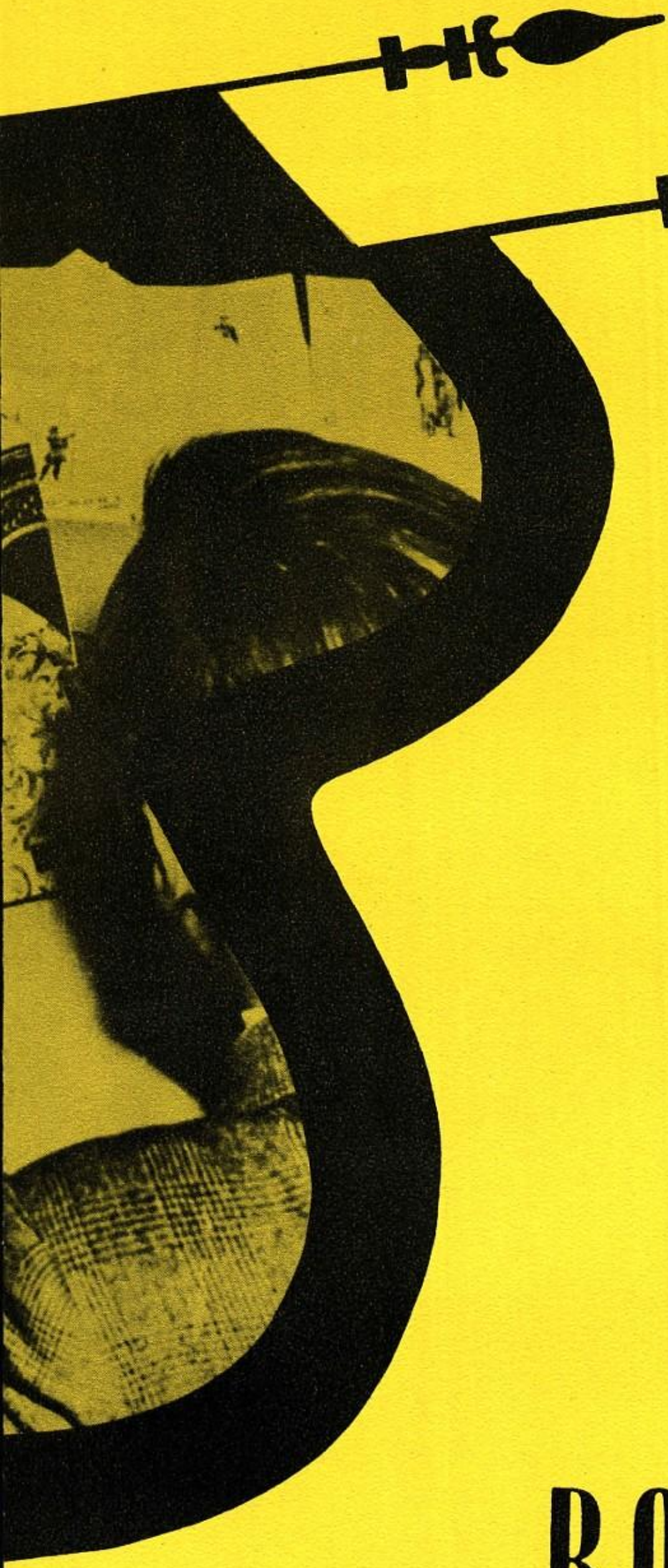
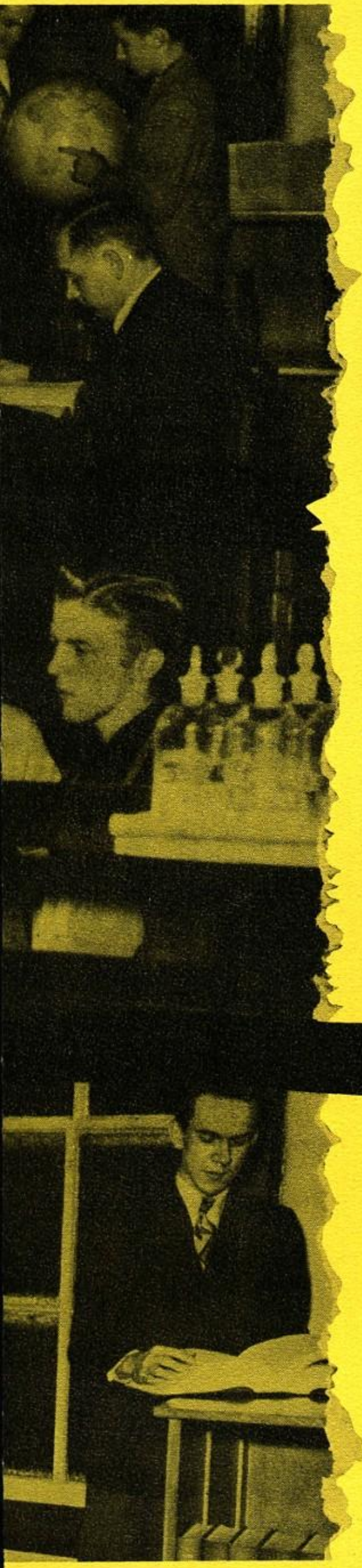


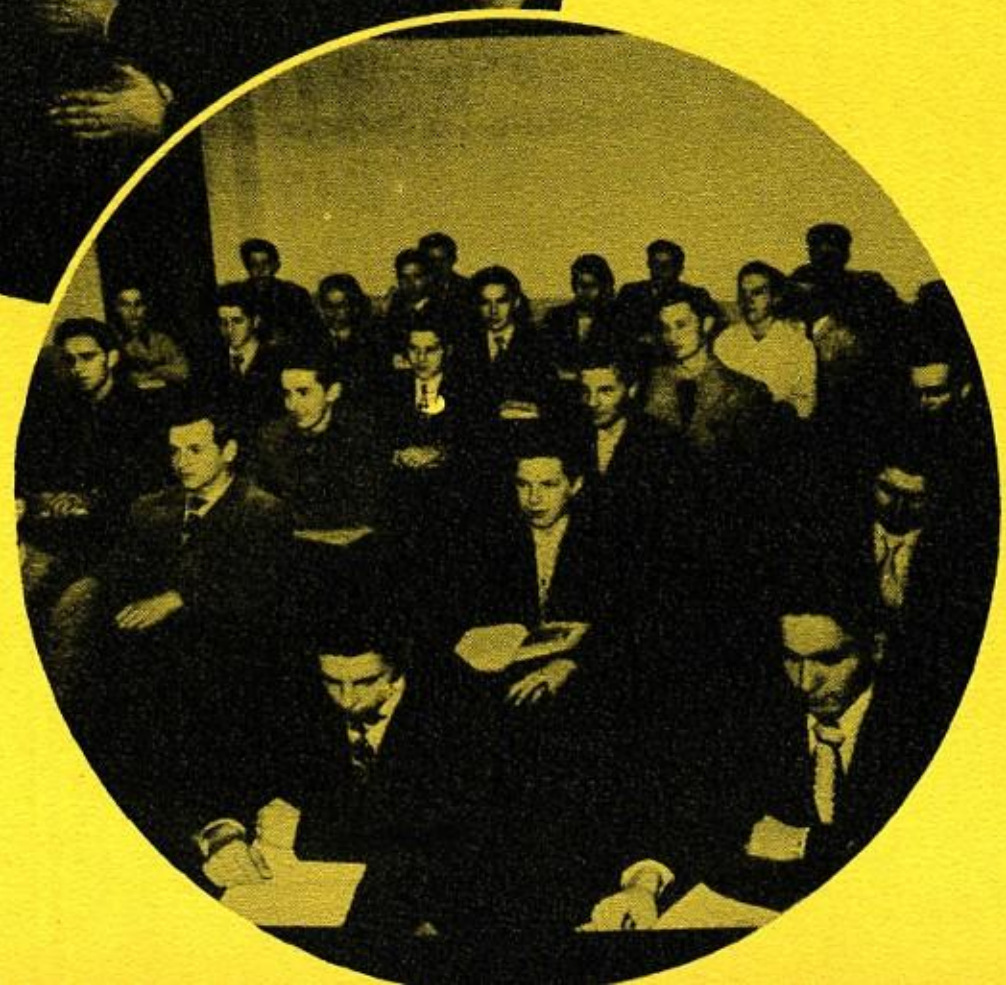
BOOK FOUR

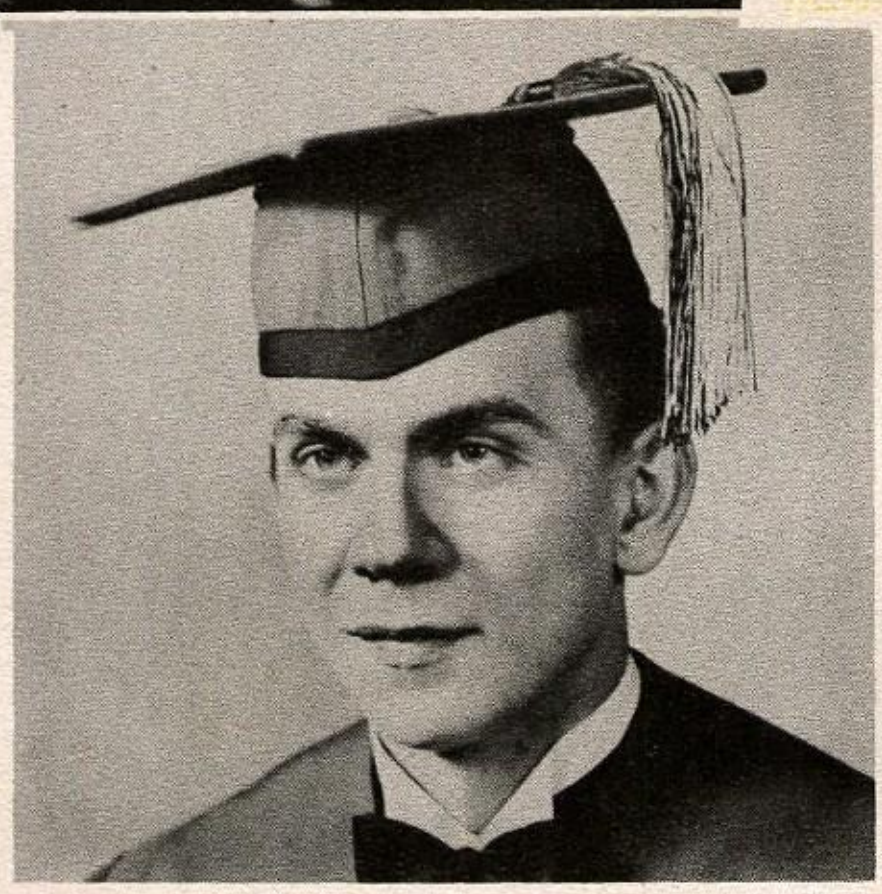
"KOŚCIÓŁ nie myśli bynajmniej oddzielać swoich dzieci od ciała i ducha narodu, ale owszem wychować je jak najdoskonalej i jak najbardziej korzystnie dla narodowej pomyślności, ponieważ dobry katolik, właśnie na mocy katolickiej nauki, jest tem samem najlepszym obywatelem, kochającym swoją ojczyznę i lojalnie poddanym istniejącej władzy państwowej, w jakiejkolwiekby legalnej formie rządu była ona ukonstytuowana."

PAPIEŻ PIUS XI

Preparatory



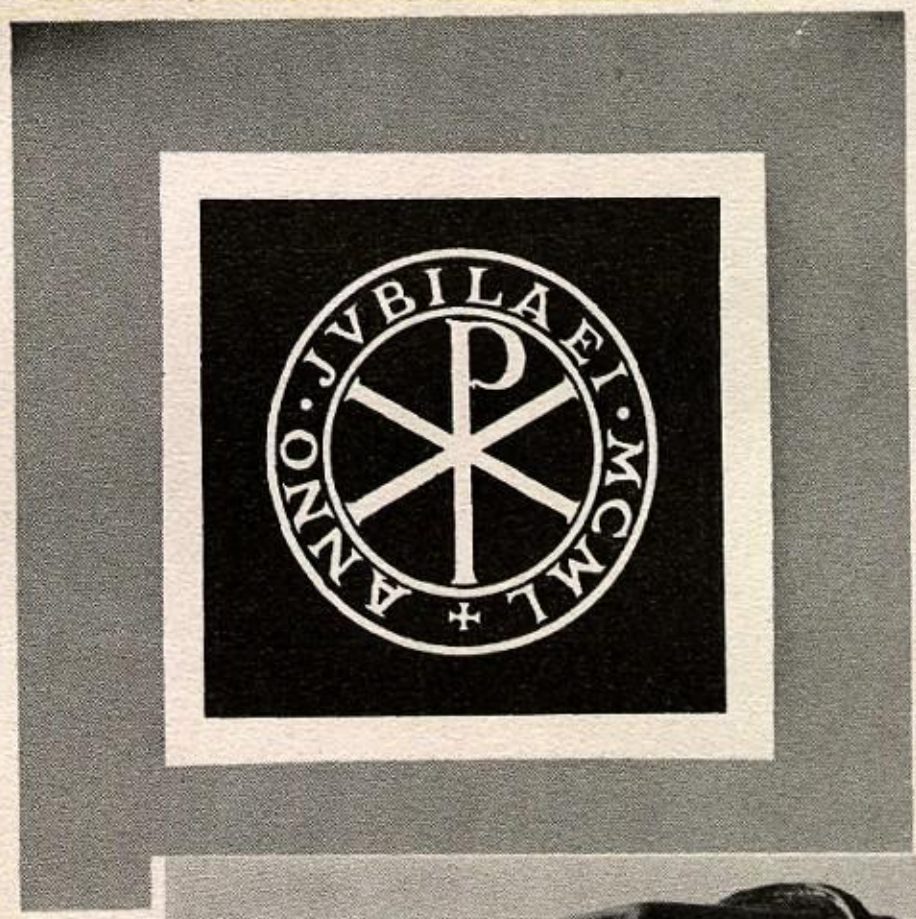




THE GRADUATES OF

LUCIAN B. SAWICKI
VICE-PRESIDENT
New Britain, Connecticut

Determination and dependability are the outstanding traits in Louie's character. He worked hard, prayed hard and played hard. His successes always left him modest and unassuming. In the years to come we are certain that Louie will be a success in the field of medicine.



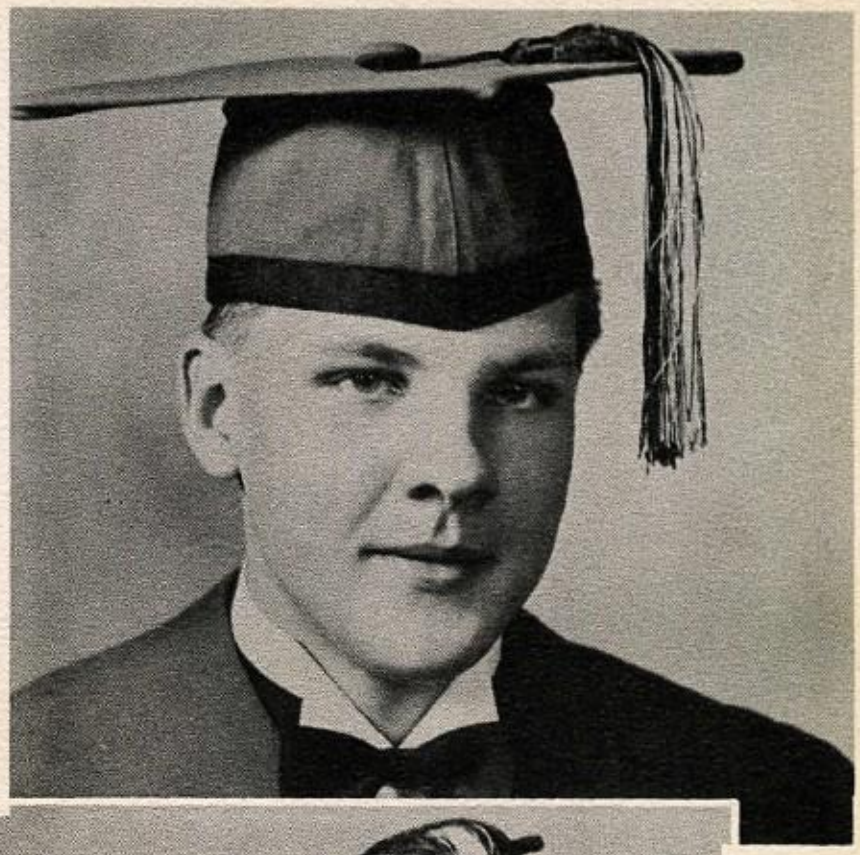
REV. FRANCIS ZDRODOWSKI
CLASS MASTER

Many have contributed to make the course of our preparatory endeavor one of success and attainment. To all we are grateful. But in this, our Senior year, there was no one who helped as much as Father Zdrodowski. We consider it, therefore, our greatest privilege and pleasure to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for his sincere efforts in leading us to our present happiness.

ALFRED F. SEROWIK
CLASS PRESIDENT
Detroit, Michigan

Al was one of the most popular men in class. Through brilliant execution of class affairs as president, he procured for himself the esteem of the entire student body. If the future were to be determined by the past, Al would certainly be on the road to success in Mechanical Engineering. Keep going undaunted, Al.

THE YEAR 1950

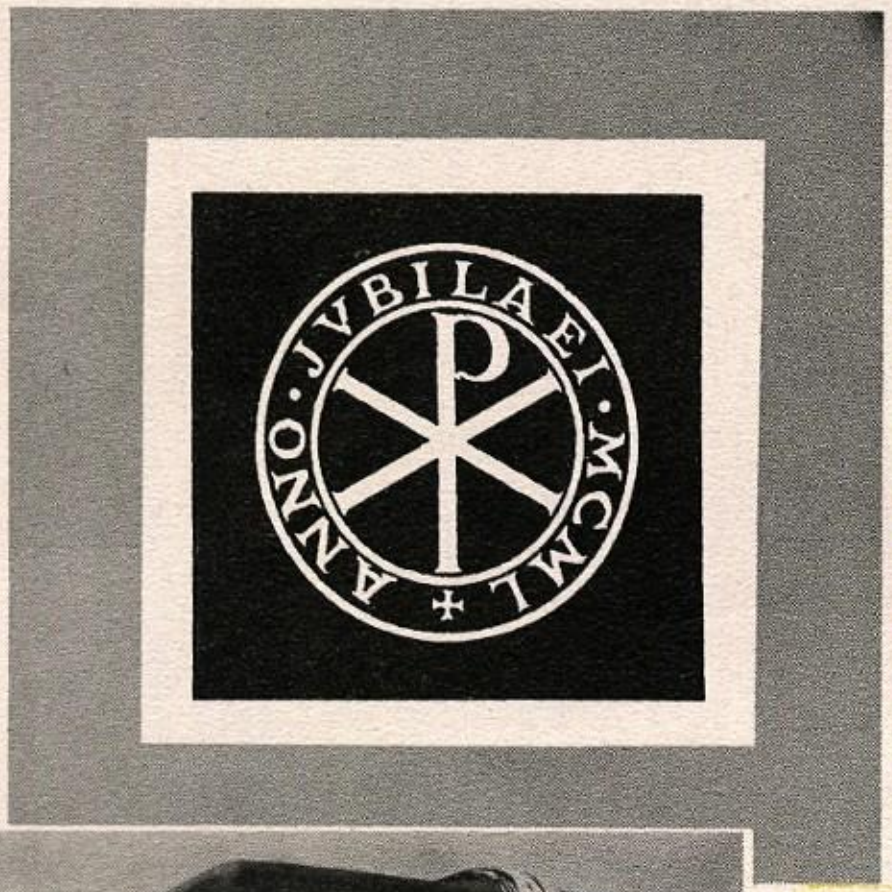


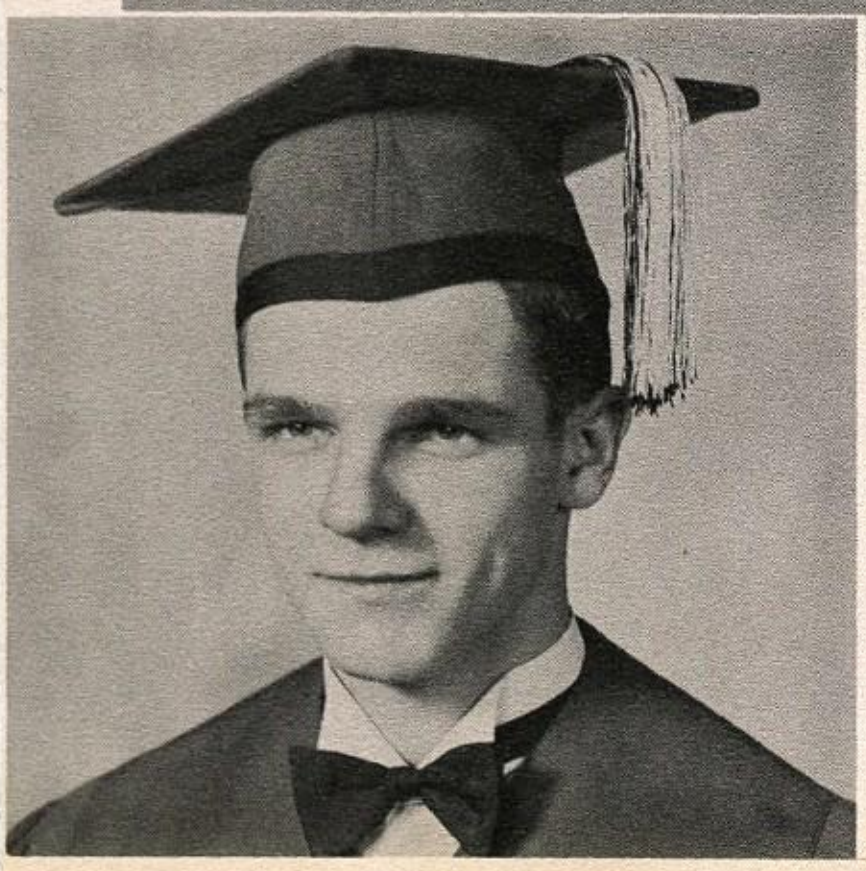
DONALD A. GAMALSKI

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Detroit, Michigan

Don was gifted with the ability to do well in whatever was expected of him. He was outstanding on the athletic field as well as in the classroom. His unique sense of humor won him many lasting friends. We don't know what profession Don has chosen. We're sure he'll be a success in any field he follows.





EDWARD M. KULIGOWSKI

CLASS SECRETARY

Detroit, Michigan

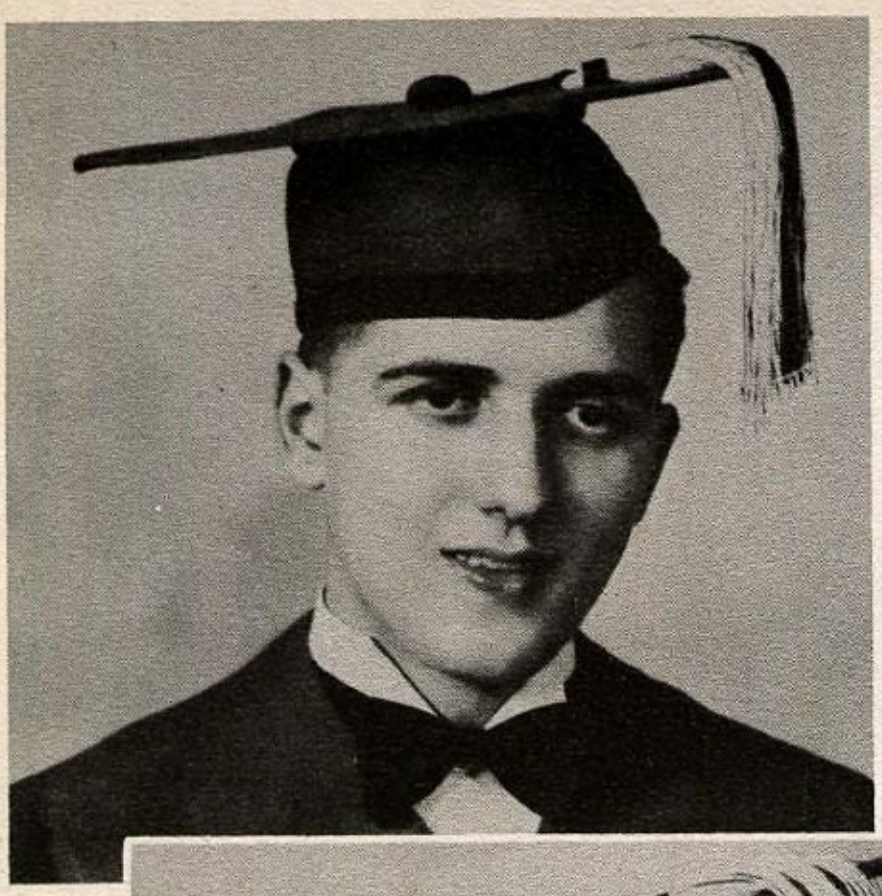
His position as secretary of the graduating class testifies to his popularity. Not one to shun extra-curricular activities, Ed was an outstanding member of the High School Glee Club. Ed intends to pursue his studies at the University of Detroit.

GERALD S. WASIELEWSKI

CLASS TREASURER

Wyandotte, Michigan

Neat and determined about his work, "West" was ever a conscientious "Busy Bee." Honest inquisitiveness accompanied by hard work are two of the more notable characteristics of Jerry's winning personality. Upon graduating he will not only carry a fine scholastic record and diploma but also the best wishes of all those who were fortunate enough to fall within the sphere of his activities and friendship.

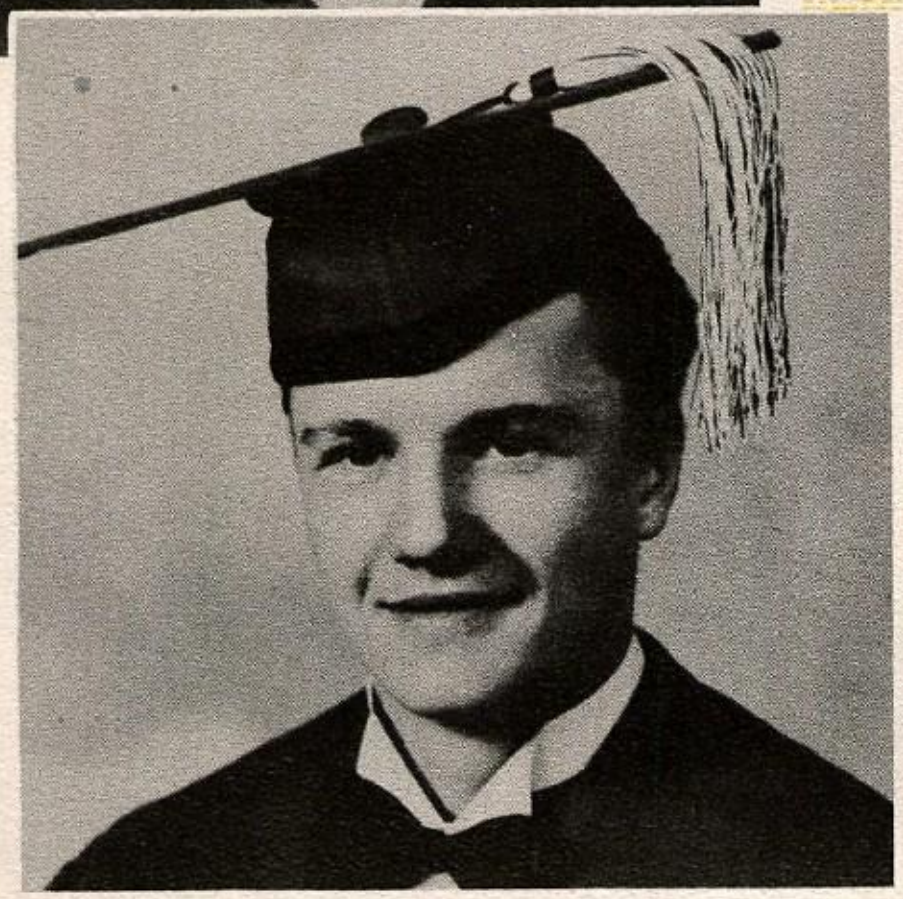


THEODORE J. CICHECKI
Detroit, Michigan

"Ted's" outstanding trait was a stern determination to overcome all obstacles in the pursuit of his studies at St. Mary's. Although he was unable to participate in athletics, he was active in all other class activities. Sometimes he would try to hide his talents and abilities under the role of a cheerful, happy-go-lucky demeanor. We ardently wish that Ted will find success in the field of his choice.

EUGENE W. CIOLEK
Detroit, Michigan

"Gus" was often kidded about his endeavors in the field of music. Notwithstanding, he proved to be of our most able accordionists, and established a band of his own. All in all, his dependability and eager cooperation made him well liked by all his classmates.

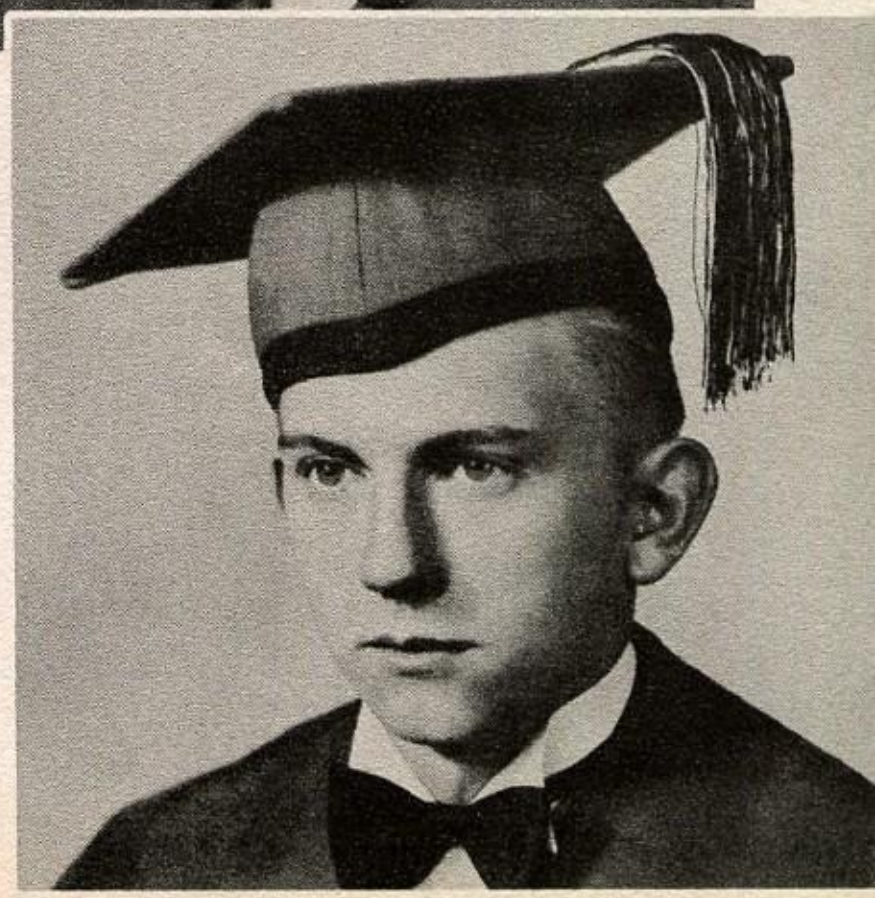


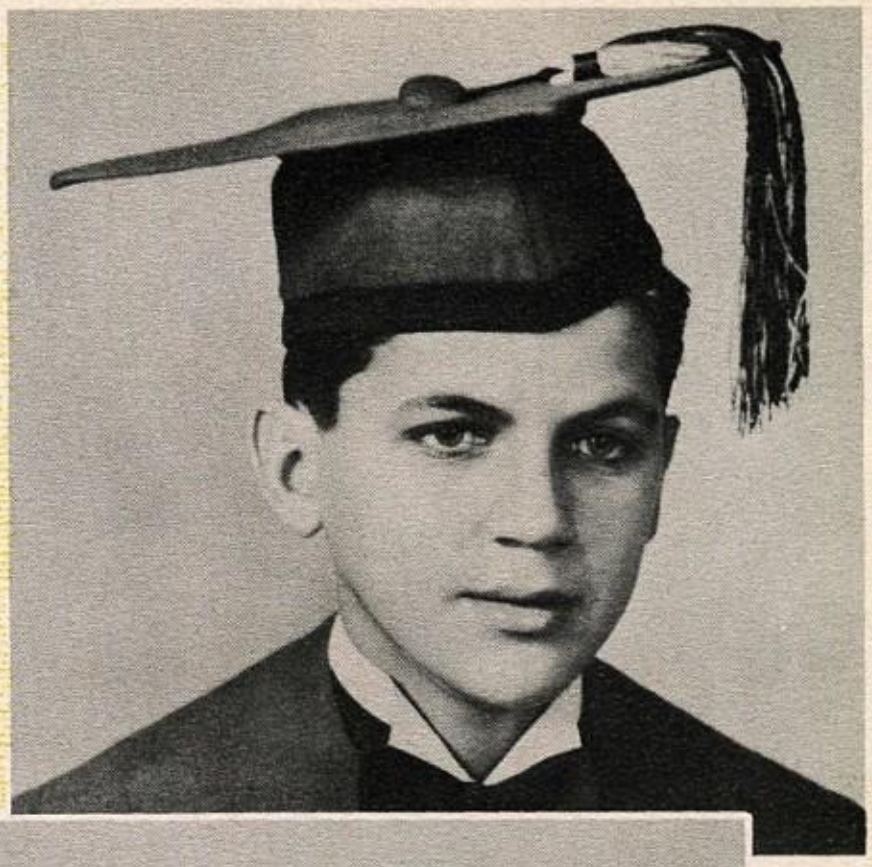
MICHAEL A. BIENIA
Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania

Michael was the possessor of a kind heart and a sterling character. All things he did zealously, and discharged his duties faithfully. A genial smile, a kind word and a ready hand to help, is the story of Michael's stay in our class. Michael intends to continue his studies for the Priesthood.

RONALD A. BULAS
Detroit, Michigan

"Bullet" had a knack of doing everything to the best of his ability. He was not only up to par in his class duties but also on the athletic field. Ronnie intends to enter Michigan College of Technology to pursue studies in Aeronautical Engineering.



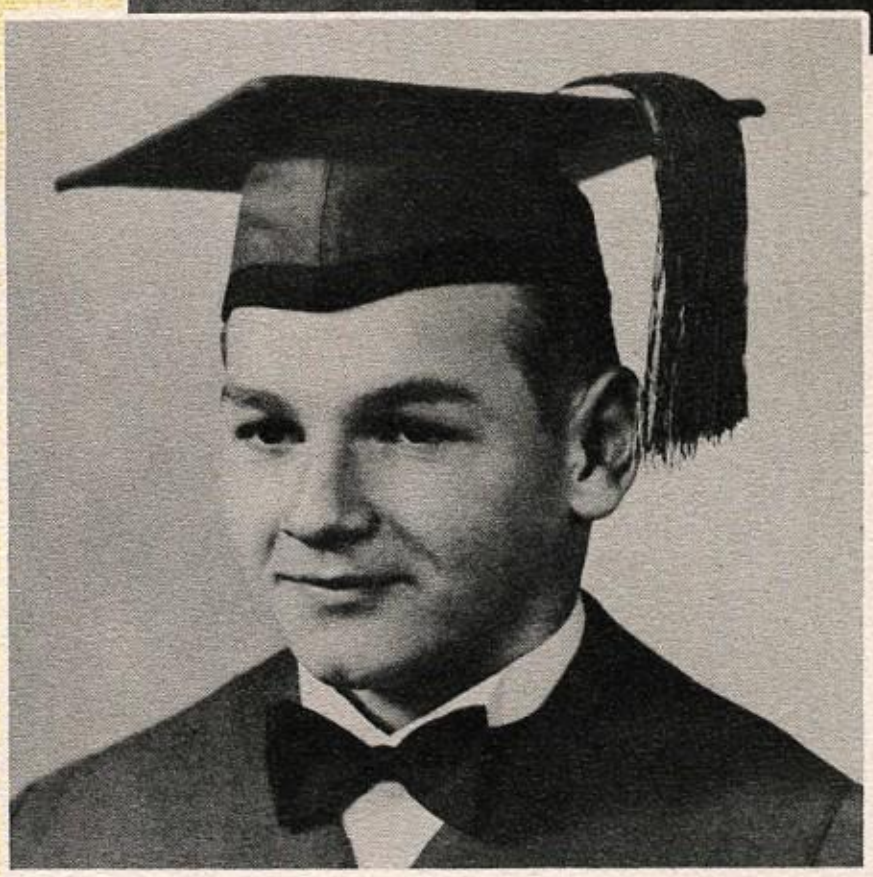


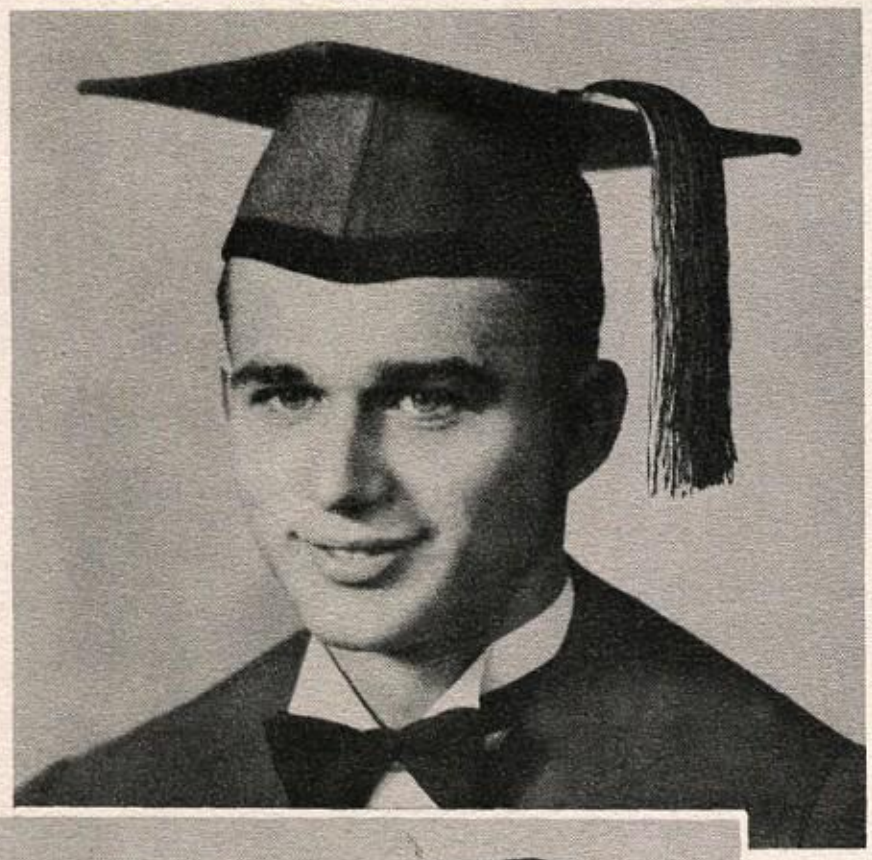
RICHARD O. GURZYSKI
Toledo, Ohio

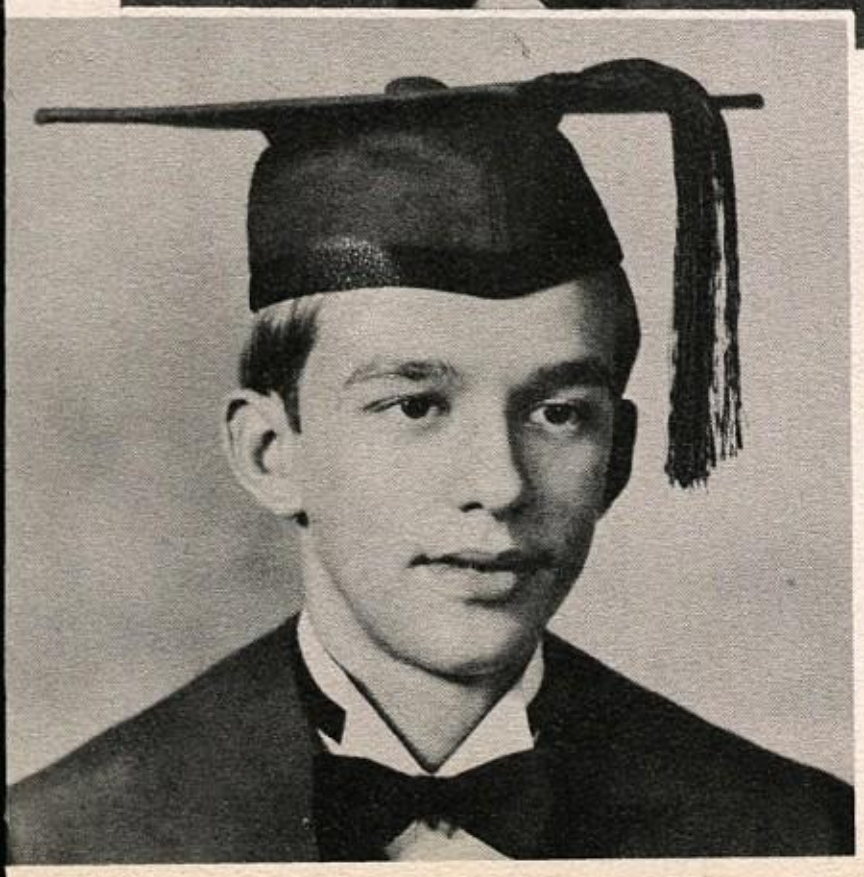
Kindness, humor, and humility are but a few of the fine traits that "Rich" possessed. He was not only up to par in his class work, but also on the athletic field and in the hearts of his classmates. The earnestness and enthusiasm with which he tackled every task is the formula which will assure him a bright future.

JEROME L. HERMAN
Bronson, Michigan

"Jerry" is our idea of a model aspirant to the Priesthood. Modest and unassuming, he was serious in his endeavor to pray, study and play well. Surely these are signs which indicate that he will attain his commendable goal. Jerry's never faltering friendliness forces us to say that we were happy to have had the opportunity of making his acquaintance.





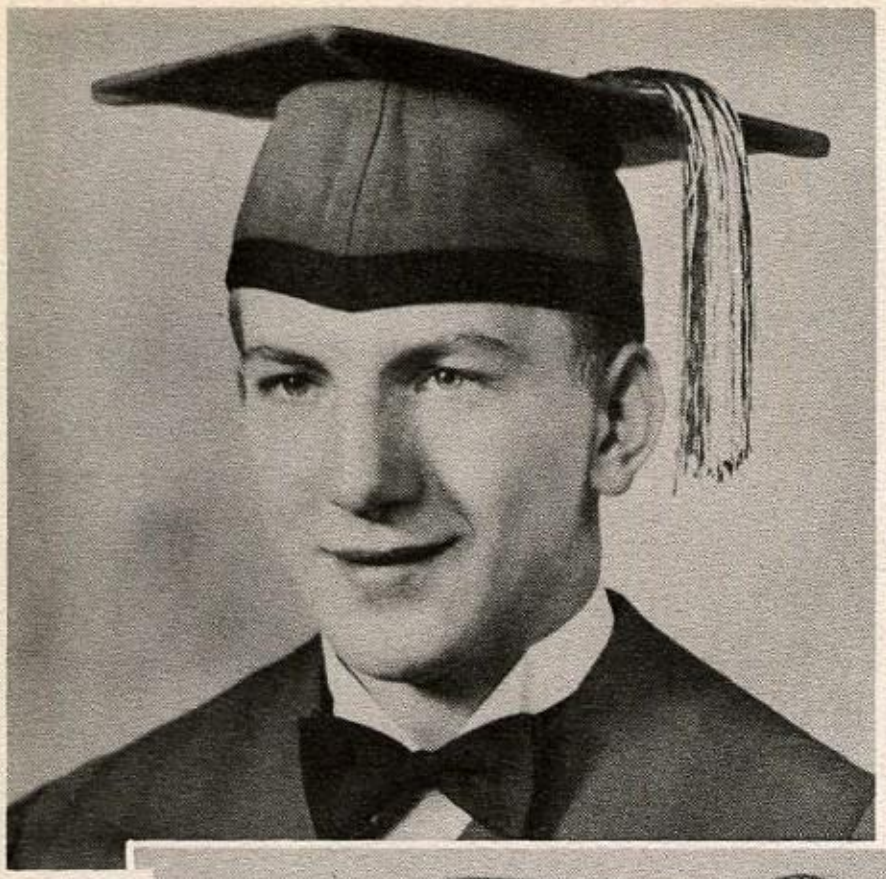


JOSEPH N. CZAPSKI
Detroit, Michigan

Short, dark and handsome, "Joe" was ever the center of attraction with his accordion playing. His friendly, winning character, we know, will assure him success in any path he may choose to follow.

ALFRED V. FUCHS
Freeport, Long Island, New York

Among the top six in his class scholastically, "Charlie" excelled in all that he undertook. He blended his voice in harmony with the High School Glee Club and was the scrappiest right guard in football that St. Mary's has seen in many a year. Outstanding in his Chemistry class, Fuchs' future as an expert in the Atomic world is promising.

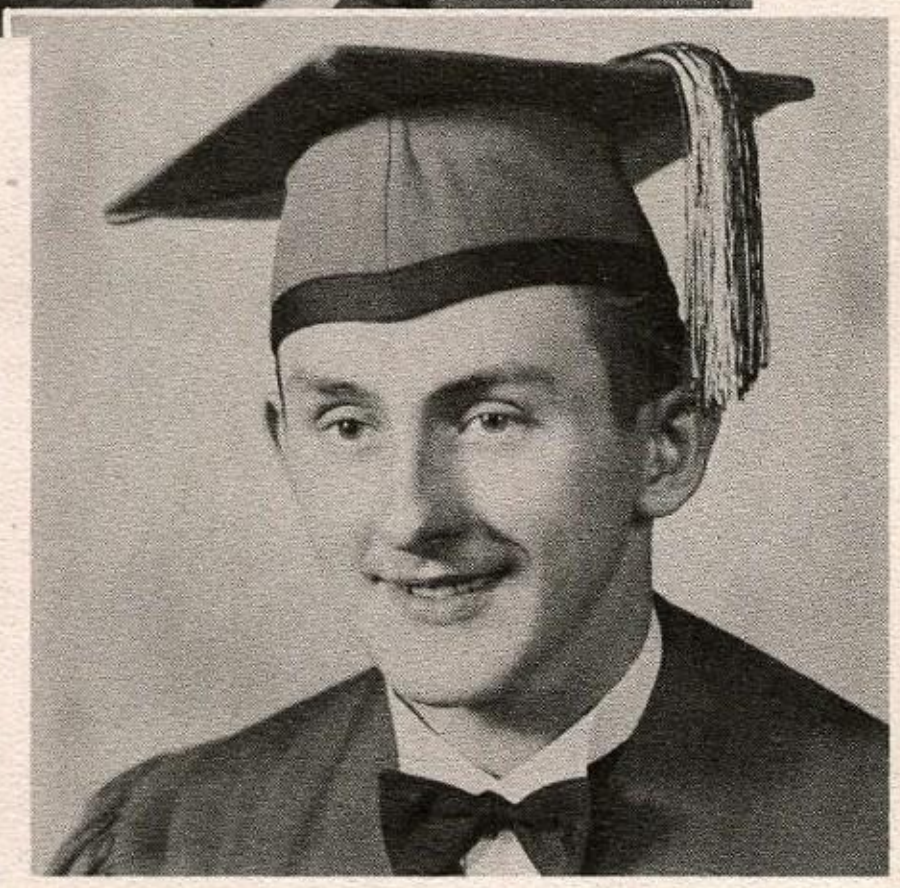


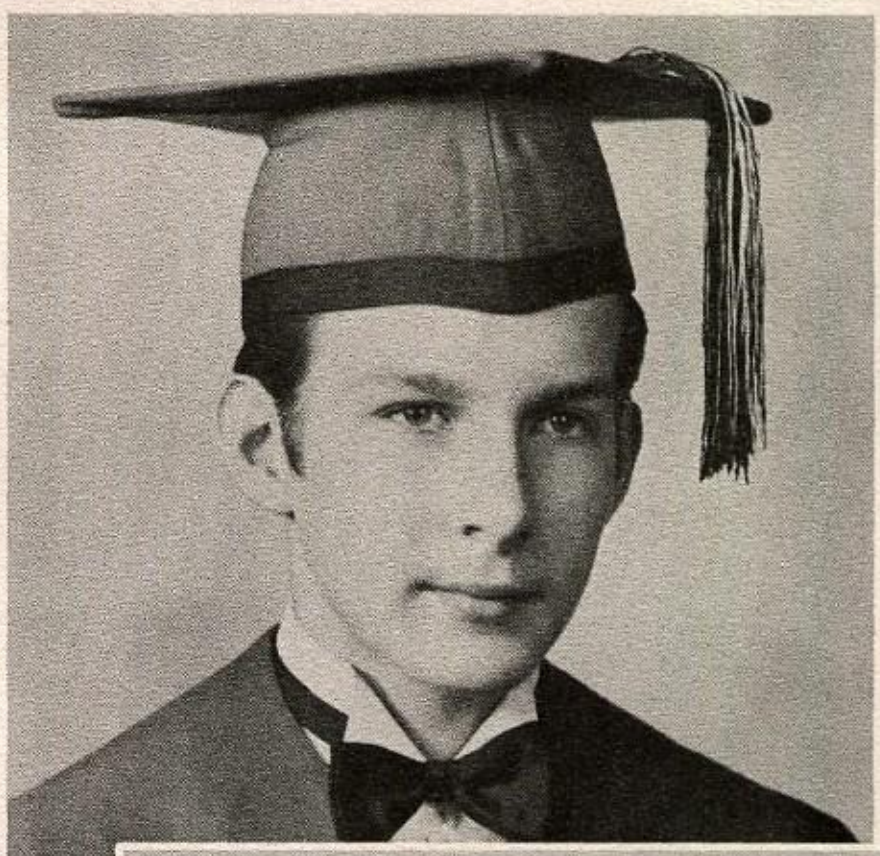
JOHN J. KOCZKODAN
Detroit, Michigan

A man of character, personality and endurance, John believed in doing all he undertook to the best of his ability. With such a spirit it was inevitable that he should win the admiration of the class and insure success for himself in the road that lies ahead.

LEO J. KOKOSINSKI
Dearborn, Michigan

"Koko" was an ardent sports fan. His cheerful and ready helping hand brightened many a day for his classmates. His is a cheerful disposition and prepossessing demeanor. These traits won him many friends. We are certain that Koko will be successful in any field that he chooses.



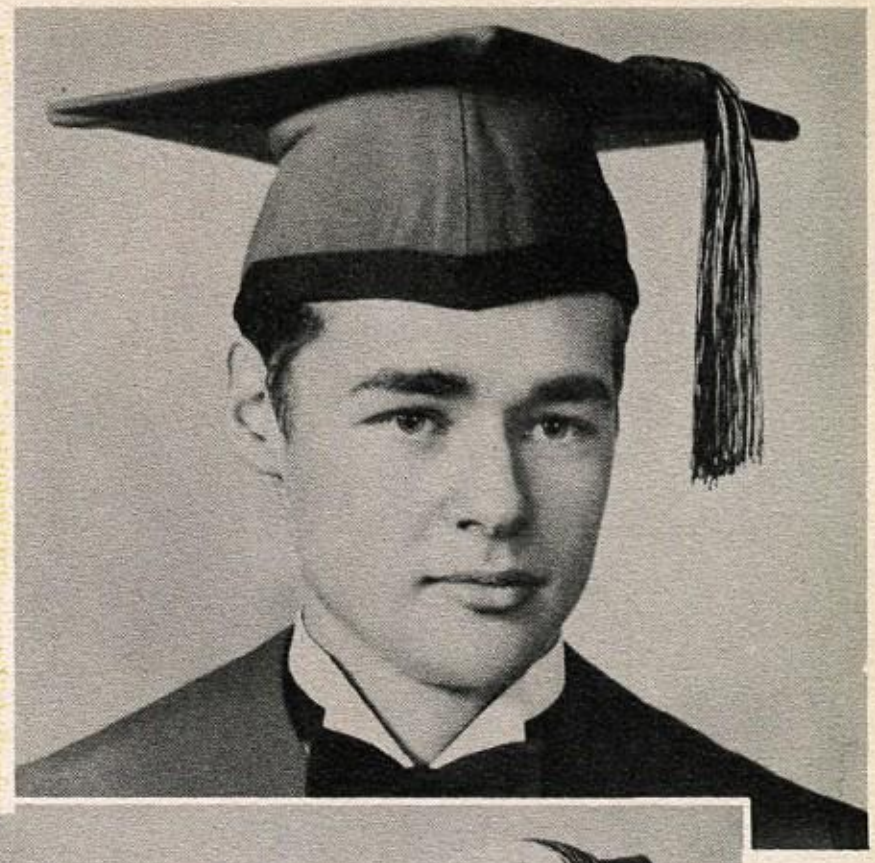


ALOYSIUS A. JAGODZINSKI
Detroit, Michigan

Although "Jiggs" was a great lover of sports, he would never allow them to hinder his academic pursuits. Hard work plus an insatiable curiosity to learn placed him in the upper bracket of students. His pleasing personality made for him a host of friends. He intends to further his studies in engineering at the University of Detroit.

JOSEPH G. JAKUBOWSKI
Detroit, Michigan

Possessing an amiable personality and a great sense of humor, "Jaks" was ever the center of attraction. "Smile and the world smiles with you," was his favorite catch phrase. Though ever the joker, his opponents on the gridiron could not help but take his spirited and driving play seriously. At home with the piano as well as with assigned tasks, "Jaks" should find success in his future endeavors.



LADISLAUS J. LEZUCHOWSKI

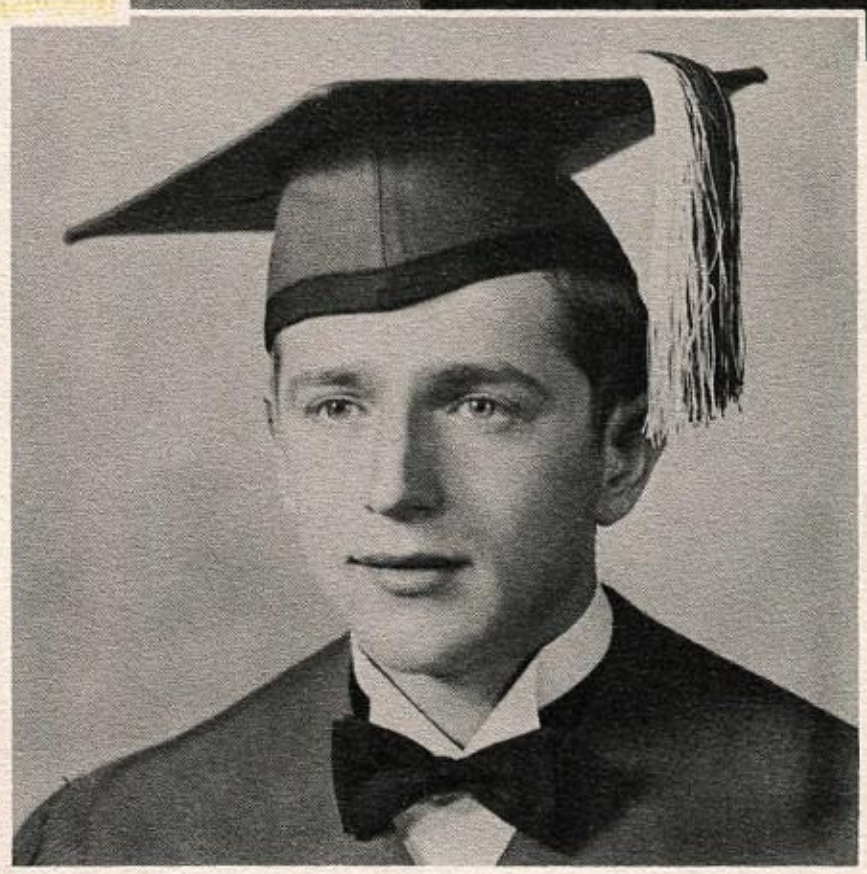
Hamtramck, Michigan

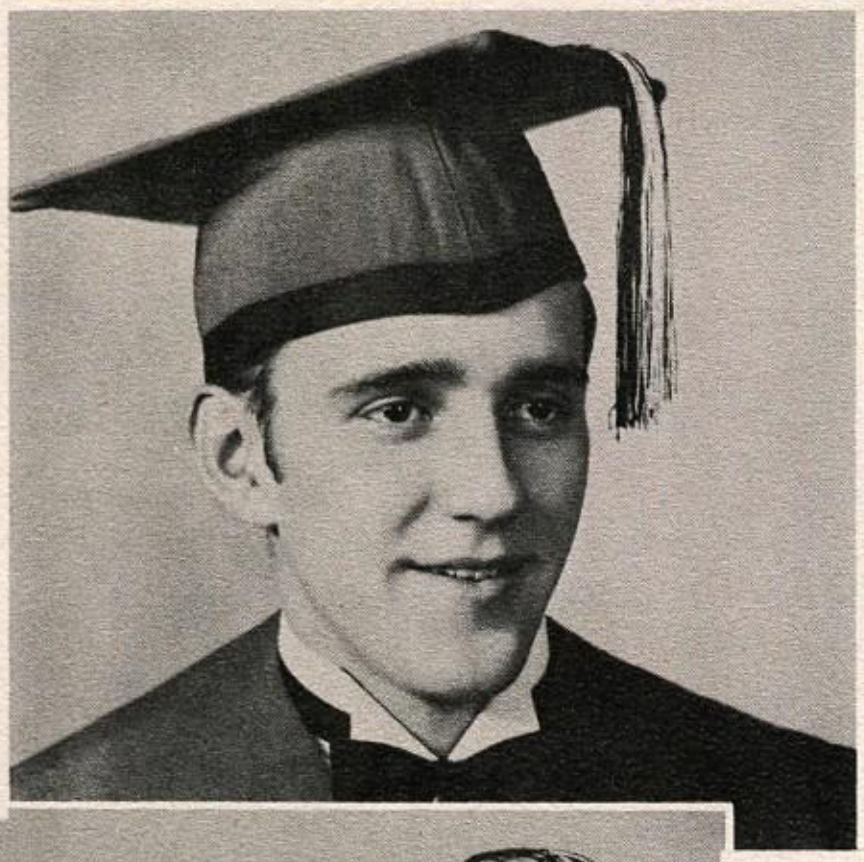
A native of Hamtramck, "Walter," as he was called by his friends, won many a friend with his pleasing personality. Best when the going was tough, he spared no energy in studies as well as extra-curricular activities. Walt hopes to return to St. Mary's to pursue his studies for the Priesthood.

FRANCIS G. PADZIESKI

Dearborn, Michigan

"Peaches" from the very beginning won the friendship and admiration of all his fellow students. Unable to take an active part in athletics, he was undaunted and channeled his potentialities into other extra-curricular activities. His courteous ways and gift of easy flowing conversation brightened many a dull moment. We hope that his future will be as bright as the years he spent at St. Mary's.





RICHARD J. KUEBER

Detroit, Michigan

"Speedy" always had a definite purpose in mind when he set out to accomplish something, be it in the athletic or academic fields. Liked by his classmates, and especially good in mathematics, he should succeed in the field of his choice. Our best wishes go with him.

HENRY R. KUS

Dearborn, Michigan

When "Hank" came to Orchard Lake, he brought with him a popularity that has not dimmed. His subtle humor would bring a smile to any "Scrooge." His athletic abilities won him many admirers and set an example for future basketball aspirants to follow. More noteworthy were his academic achievements. Hank may be assured of success in any field he enters.

BERNARD A. PRZYBOCKI

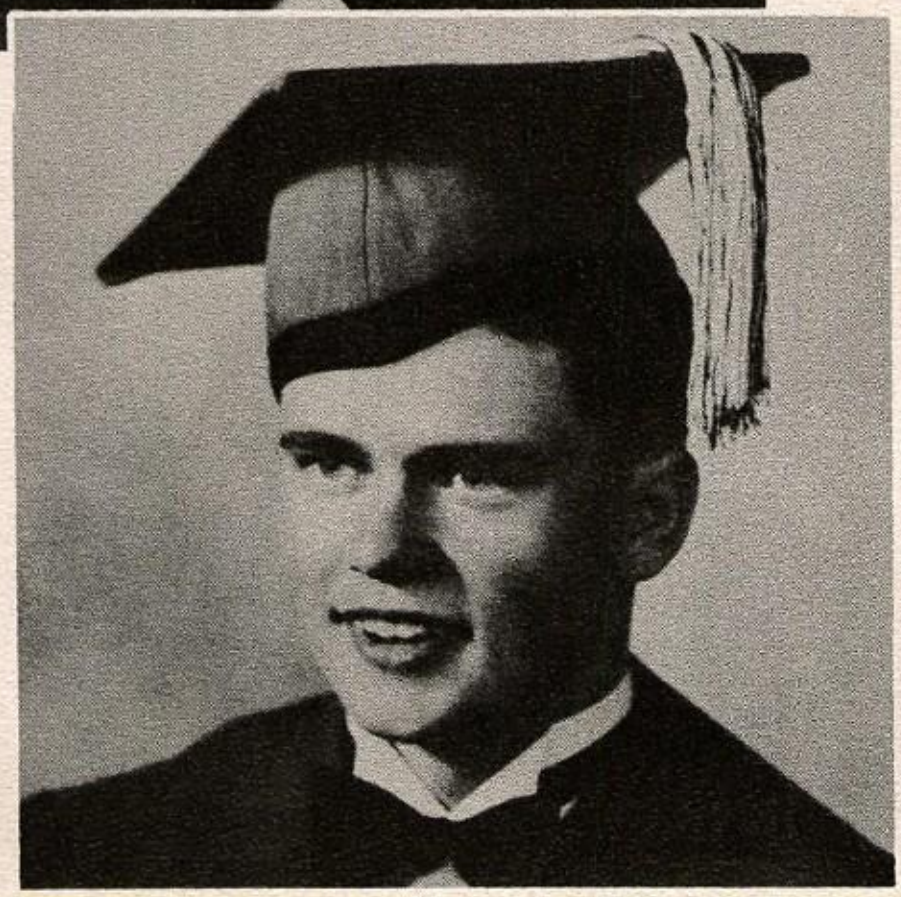
Barnesboro, Pennsylvania

Although not on the Varsity, "Bernie" was outstanding in intramural sports. His laurels, however, were really won in the scholastic field. His quiet and unassuming manner won everyone's friendship. We are certain that there is a bright and interesting future in store for "Bernie."

DONALD P. RUSCH

Detroit, Michigan

"Don" was a quiet and unassuming lad with an unparalleled sense of humor. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. We can clearly visualize the beacon of success beaming across his path of life as he continues his studies for the Priesthood.



LEONARD J. PAULA

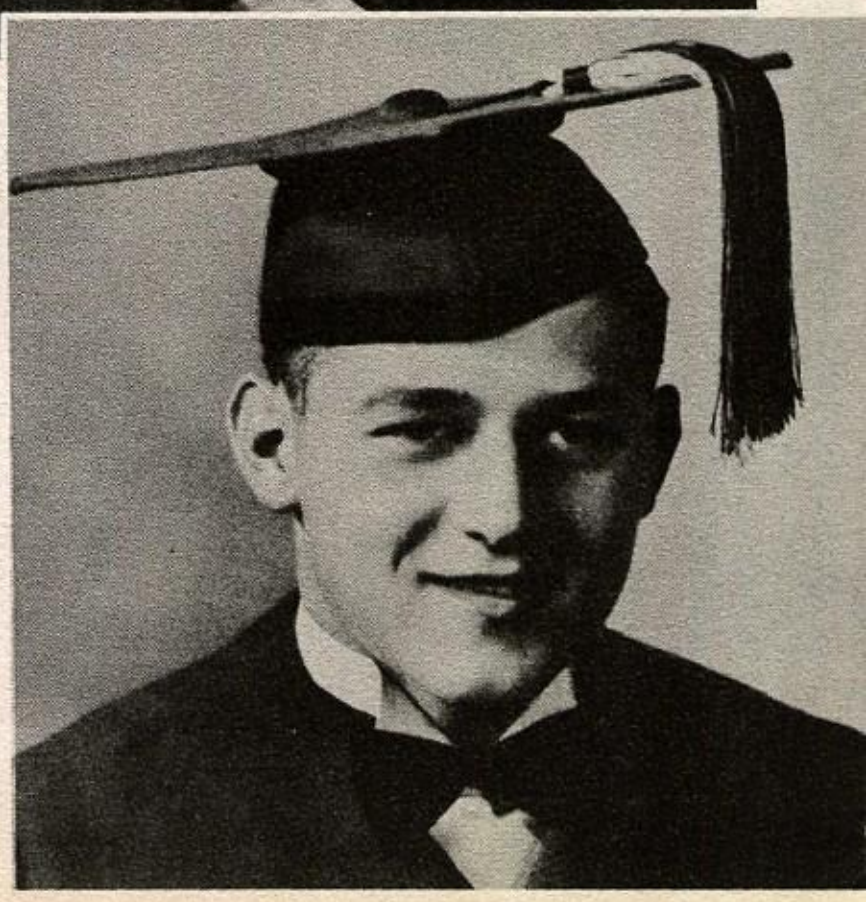
Detroit, Michigan

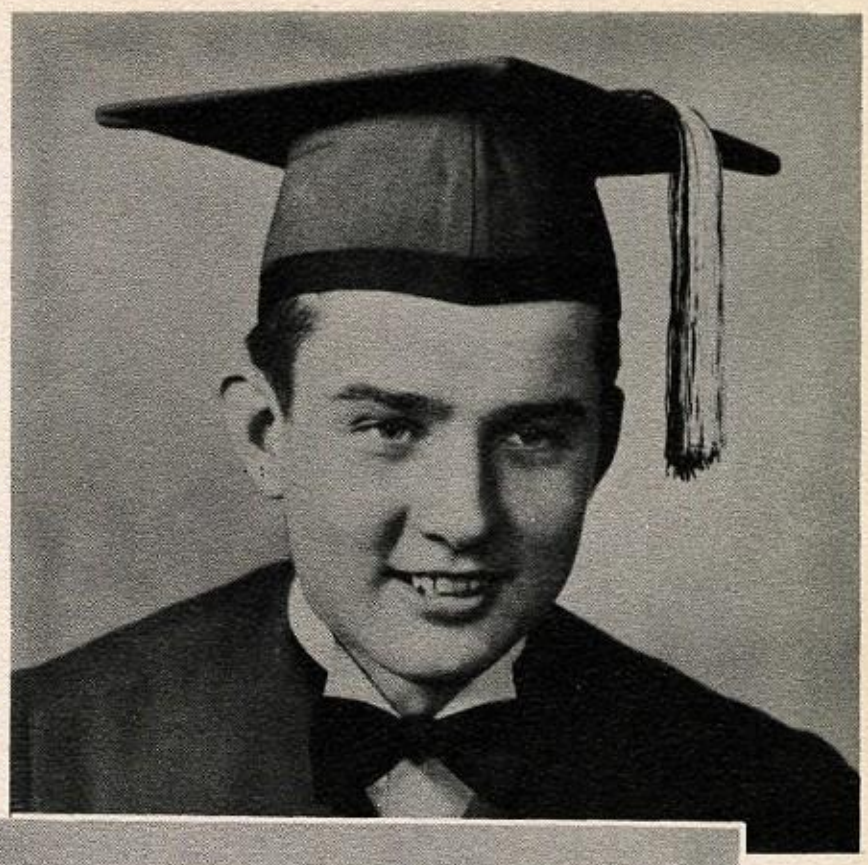
As a cheerful and happy-go-lucky lad, "Len" could not help but be popular. All will remember him as the spirited cheerleader who was always there to support the team. With such spirit he should succeed in attaining his goal in the Priesthood.

GERALD A. PIEKARSKI

Detroit, Michigan

It takes an exceptional student to win the admiration of his classmates as "Baker" has done. Able and determined, he literally burned up the athletic field with his outstanding performances on the gridiron, court and diamond. Winning four varsity letters in his junior and senior years, "Baker" proved by far to be the athlete of his class. All this, together with his better than average scholastic endeavors, assure him of future successes.



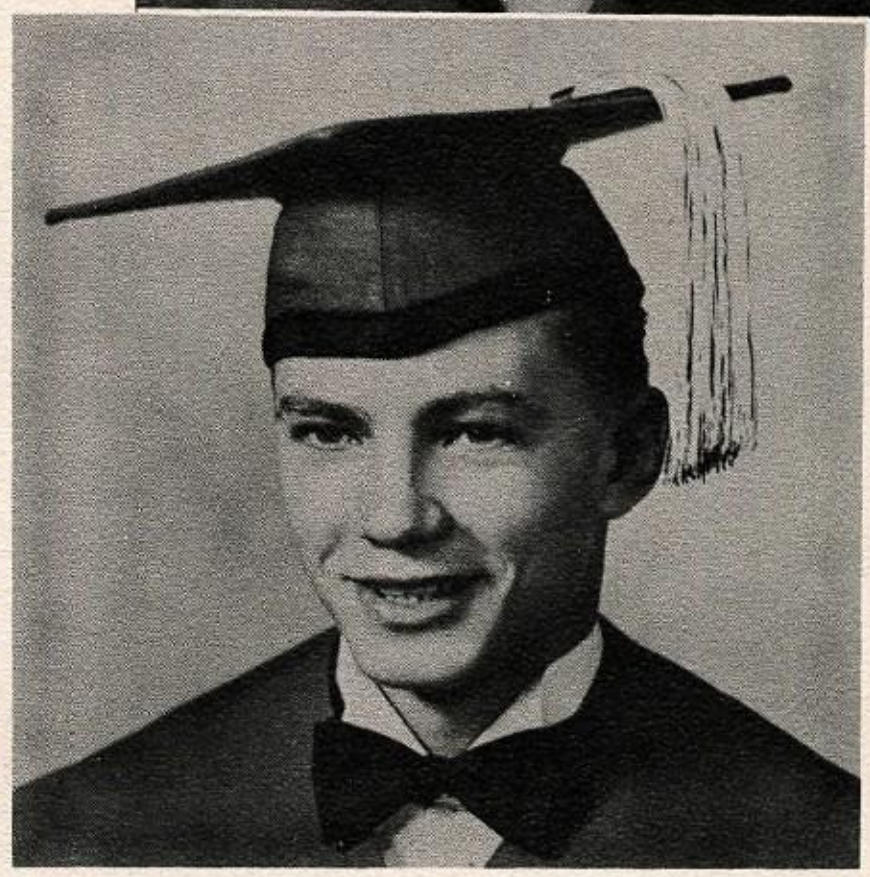


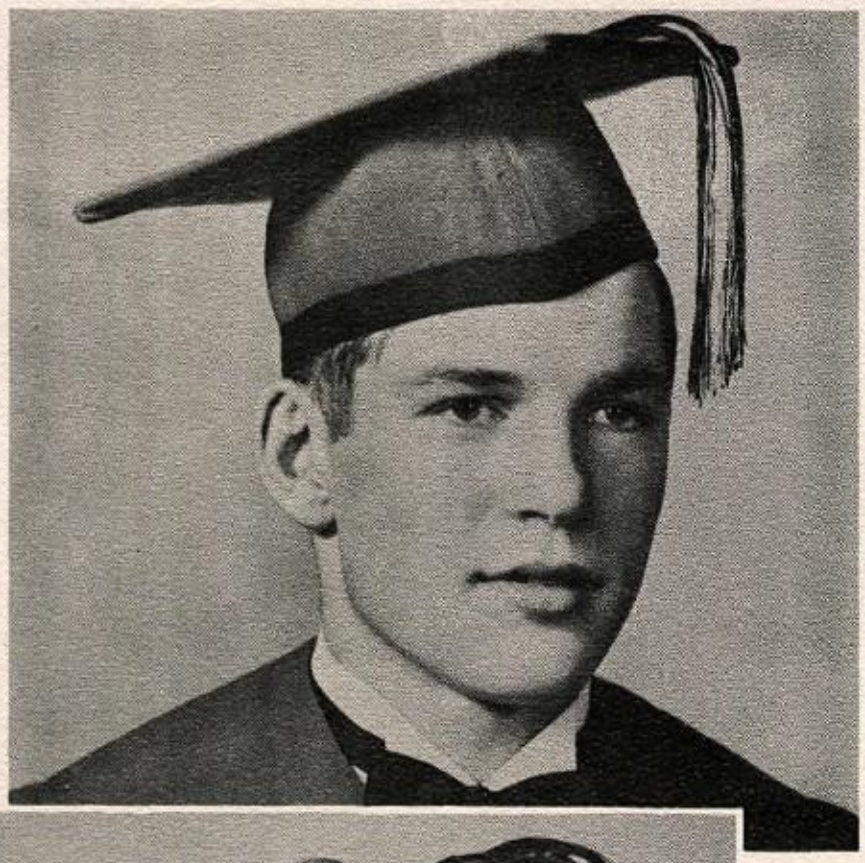
GERALD J. SMOLKA
Bronson, Michigan

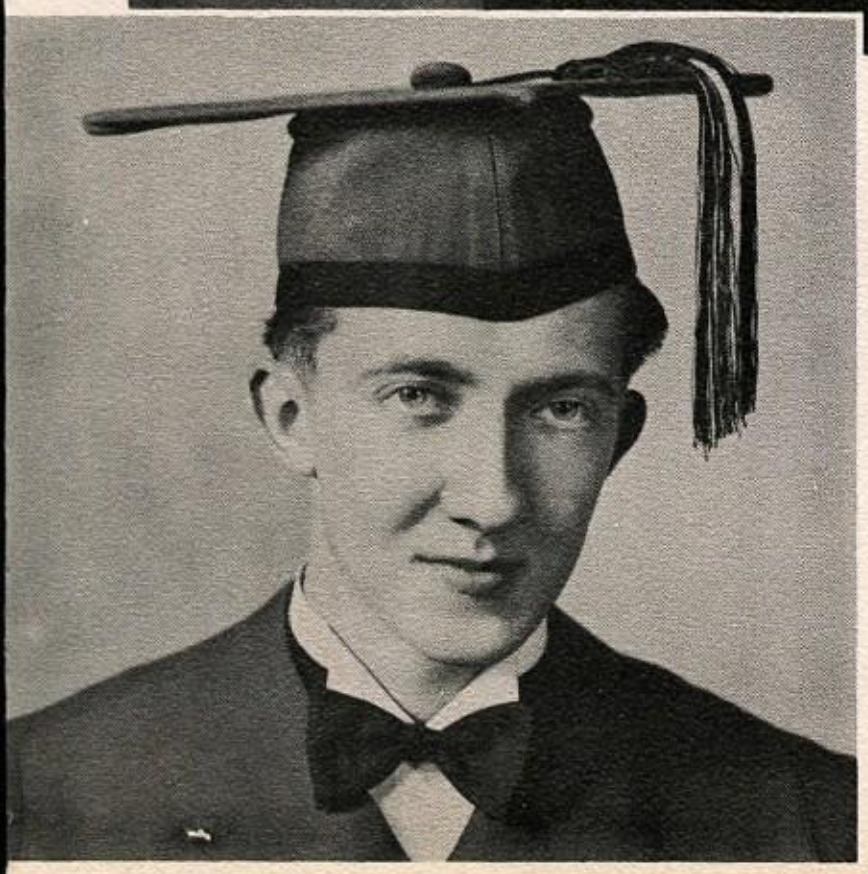
"Smoker," as he was better known, is an accomplished athlete. His tactics on the football field and on the basketball court will long be remembered by all who witnessed his playing. No less shall he be remembered for his excellent sportsmanship in baseball and track. All this, coupled with good humor and a desire to do all things well, leads us to believe that "Smoker's" ambition of becoming a Priest will be fulfilled.

STEPHEN F. STEMP
Detroit, Michigan

"Steve" was modest, cheerful, and studious. He was liked by all who came to know him. He was outstanding in Intramural Football and Baseball; his "never-die" spirit was an inspiration to the varsity teams. We are sure that Steve will be a success in whatever profession he chooses to follow.





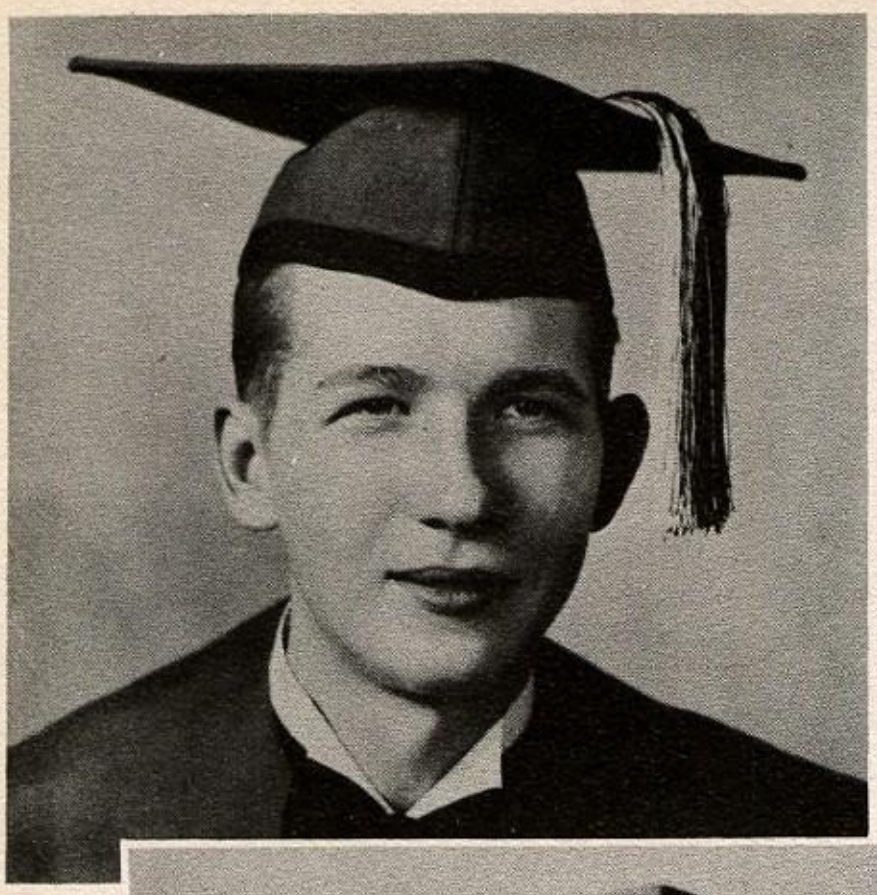


EUGENE A. SIKORA
Detroit, Michigan

Possessing a winning personality and fine sense of humor, Gene was liked by all his classmates. He worked untiringly both as a student and as an outstanding letterman. He has chosen the field of journalism as his vocation.

RICHARD C. SIKORA
Detroit, Michigan

Dick will be best remembered for his achievements as an outstanding athlete. A four-letter man, "Rich" was at his best in track. He may well look with confidence to a bright future as a dentist.

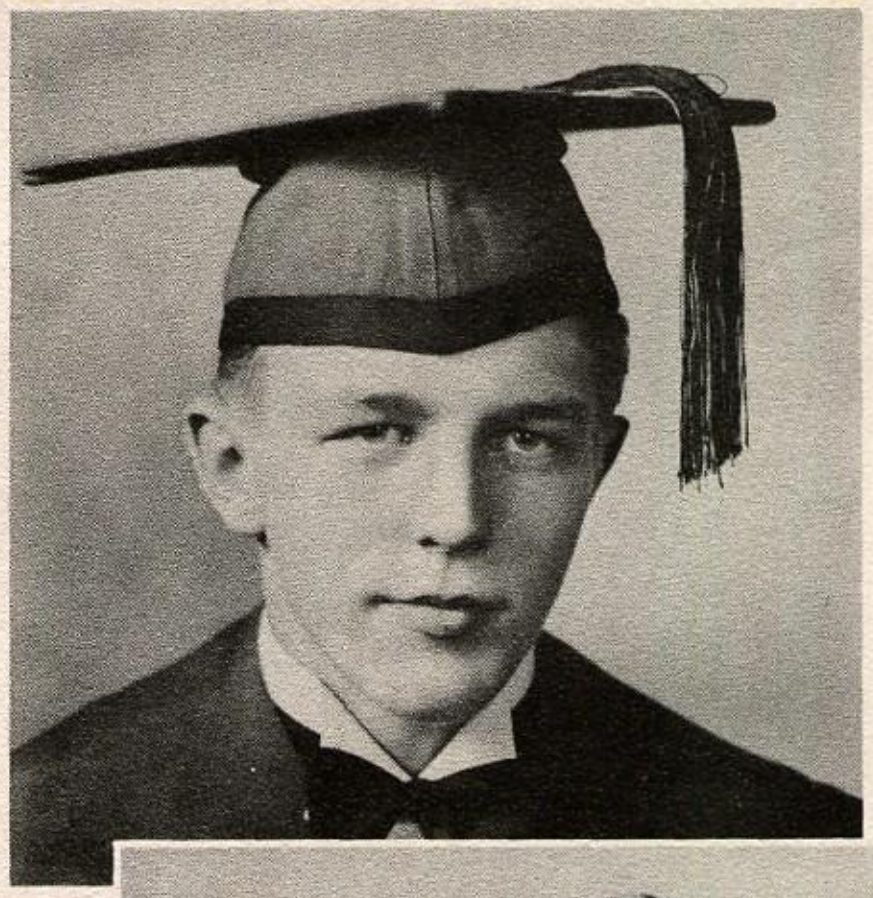


LEONARD R. TOPIK
Detroit, Michigan

"Len," an accomplished athlete, occupied a position in every Varsity sport. He did so well that he was ranked among the best athletes produced by St. Mary's. He showed equal interest in his studies. There is no doubt that "Den" is bound to see success.

JEROME A. TYCHULSKI
Detroit, Michigan

Jerome, known for his joyful disposition and sharp wit through his years at St. Mary's, proved himself a good student and conscientious office worker as well. Though not participating in sports, he did much in that field as a member of the Athletic Staff. He plans to return to St. Mary's and pursue his studies for the Priesthood.

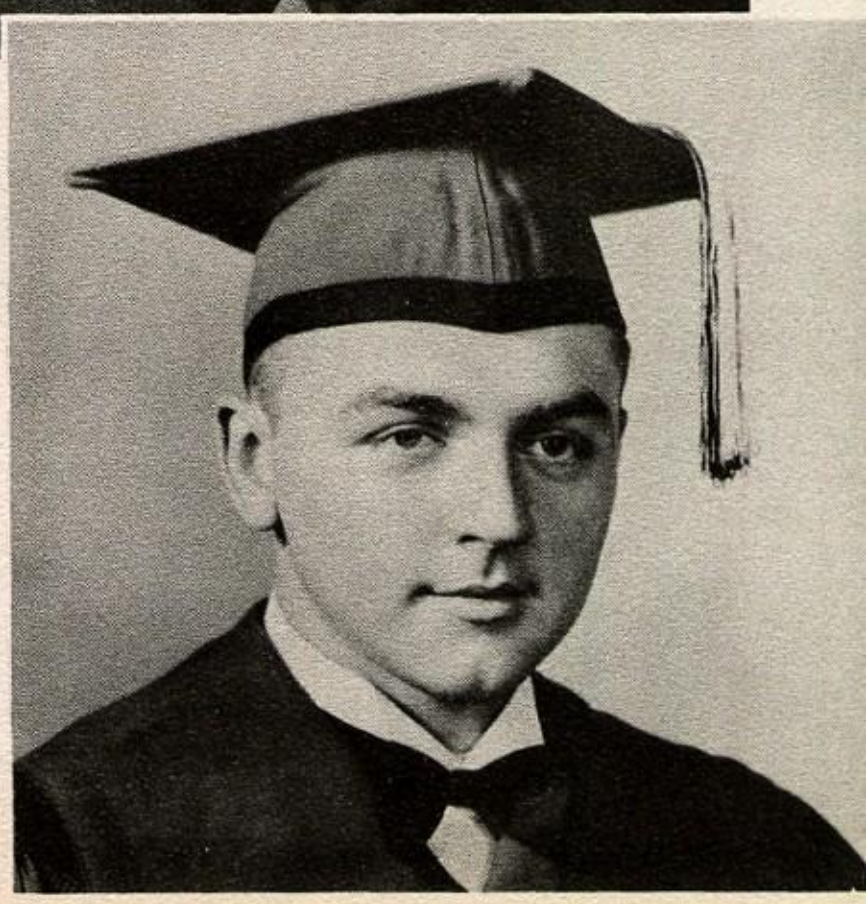


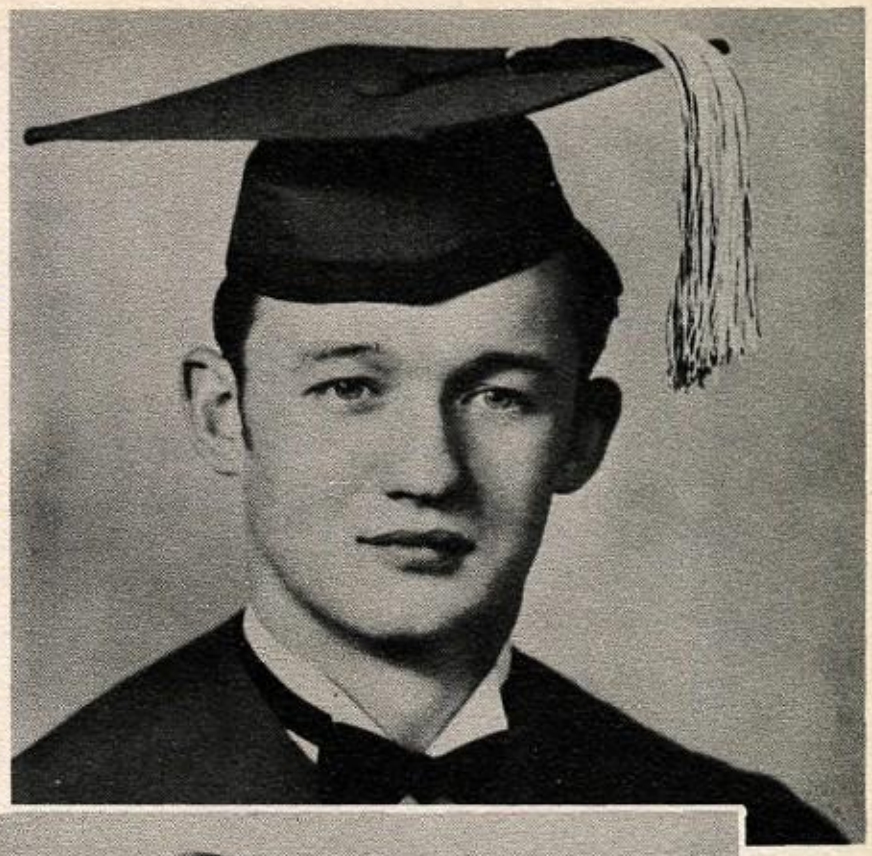
STANISLAUS R. STONE
Detroit, Michigan

"Andy" talks little, but does much. Putting his musical talents to use, he did well as a member of the High School Glee Club. Then too, he displayed his talents as a mechanic as well. We have the utmost confidence that Stan will attain his goal of the Priesthood.

WALTER C. SZUMLINSKI
Highland Park, Michigan

"Snuffy's" winning ways and engaging personality won the admiration of all his classmates. His enthusiasm and eagerness to learn something new were displayed by his active interest in campus extra-curricular activities. We have every reason to believe that "Snuffy" will become the Missionary Father he hopes to be.





STANISLAUS R. ZAJDEL

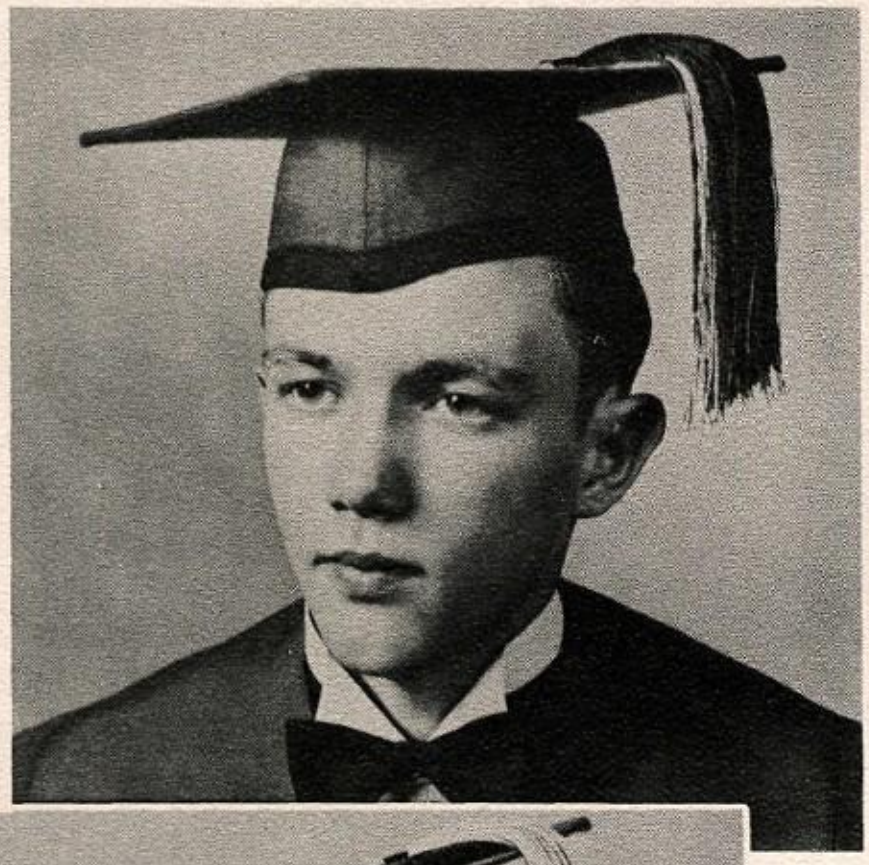
Farmington, Michigan

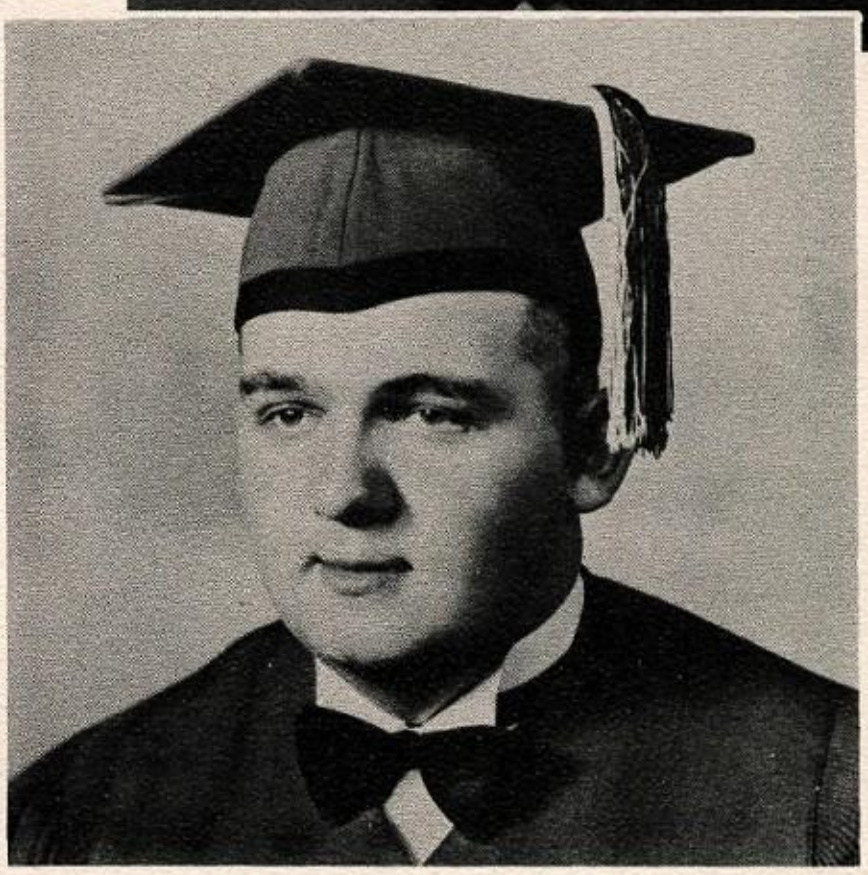
"Stas," though of small stature, through his unyielding determination won himself a berth as a tackle on the football team. One of the jolliest fellows on the campus, "Stas" is a cinch to make the grade in all his undertakings.

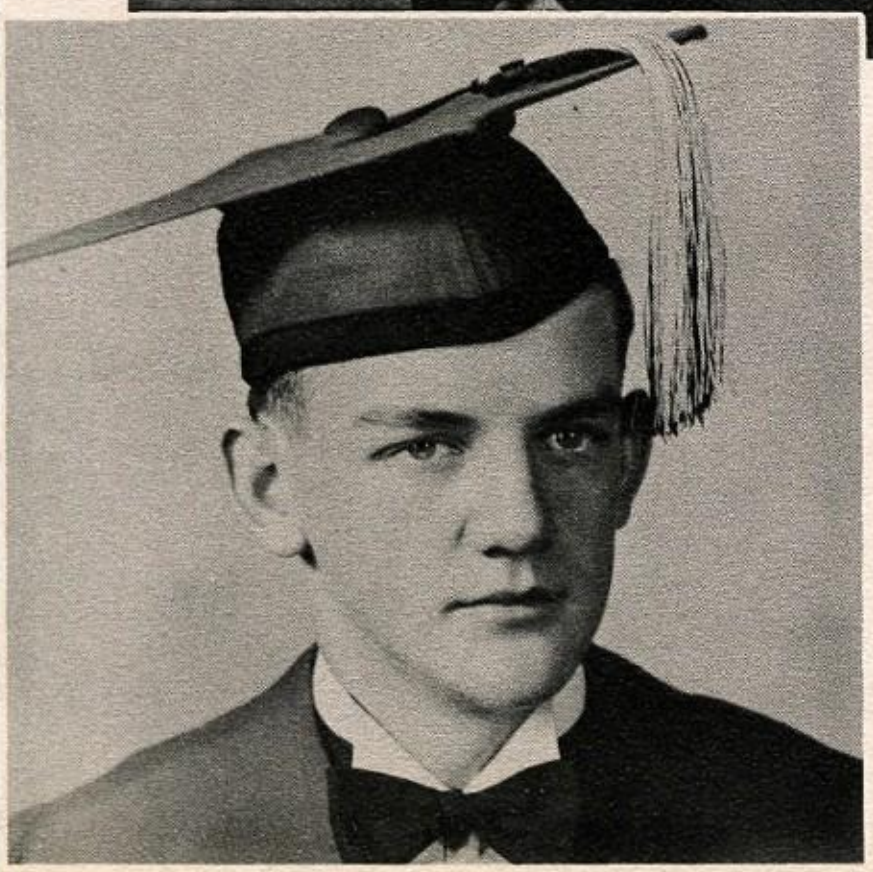
EUGENE A. GABALSKI

Buffalo, New York

Whatever the endeavor, his was a job well done. An excellent student and an exceptional four letter man, "Gabby's" sociability won the respect and admiration of all. If his four years are symbolic of what the future holds, "Gabby" can rest assured that fame will smile on him in any field he endeavors to enter.







JOSEPH L. WEJROCH

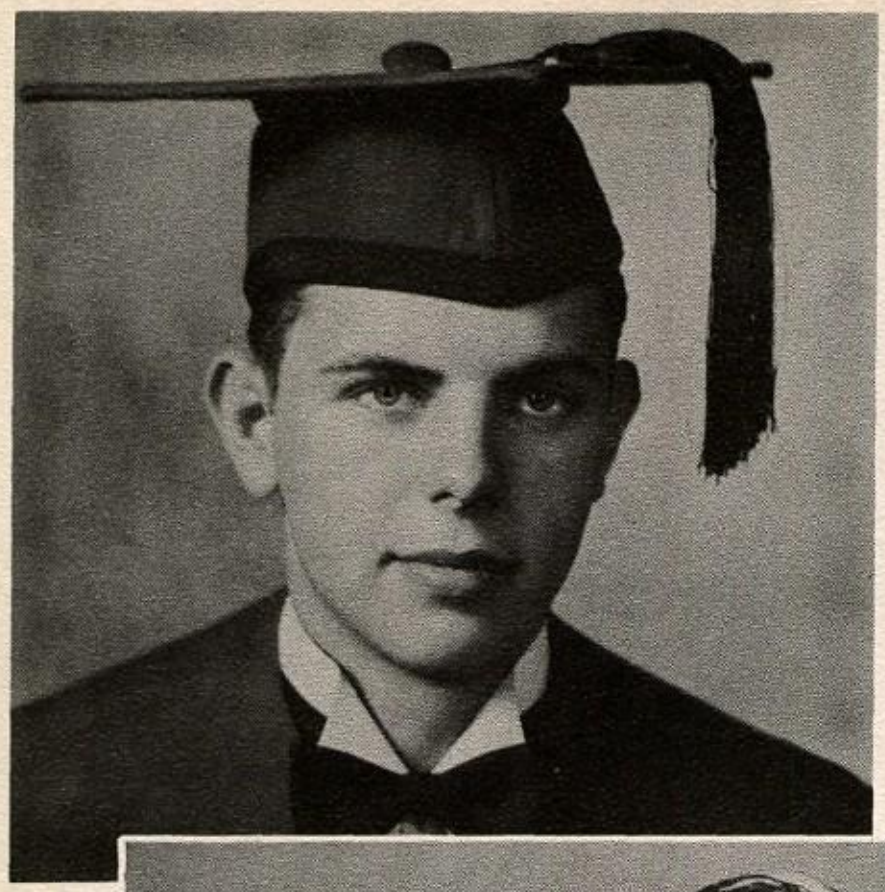
Detroit, Michigan

"Joe's" eagerness to help others won him many friends during his one year stay at St. Mary's. He was unable to play on the varsity, but he showed his athletic prowess in intramural sports. He was one whose honest endeavors make arduous tasks a pleasure. We know "Joe" will succeed in the field of his choice.

EUGENE P. WILK

Hamtramck, Michigan

"Willy" not only starred in football and track but was a model student as well. His firm determination to succeed was his secret of success. We have no doubt that "Willy" will go far in any field which he chooses to follow.

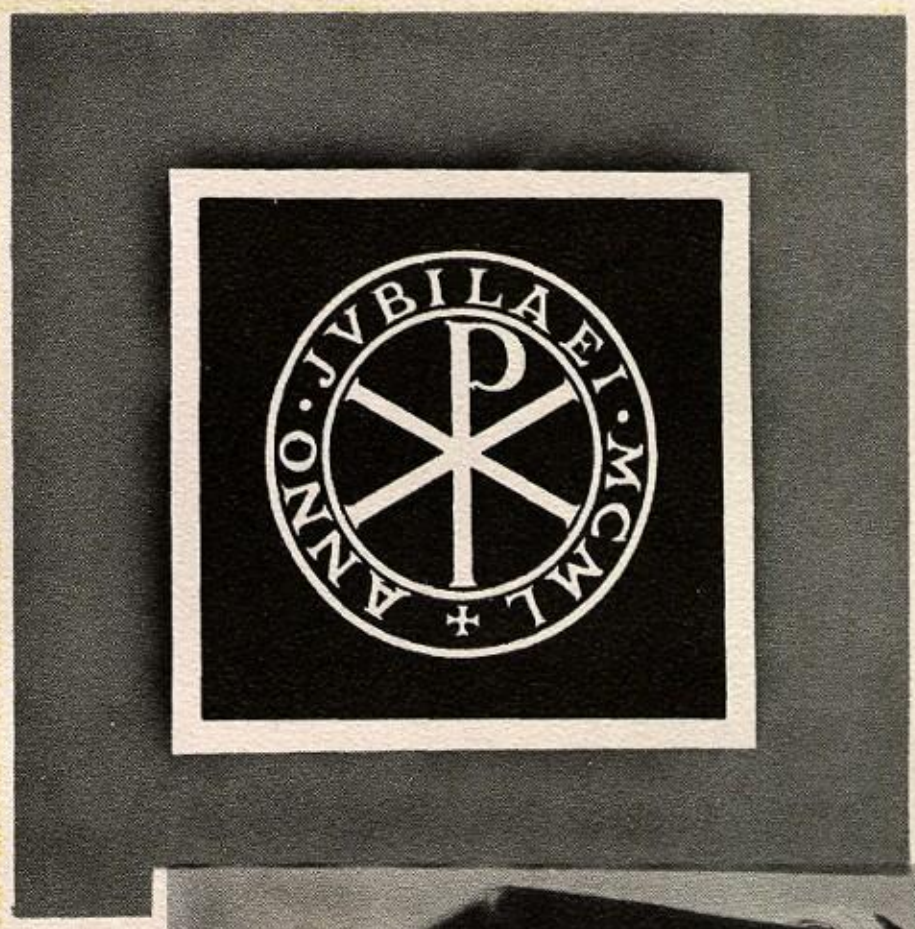


THE GRADUATES OF

STANISLAUS A. WALENTYNOWICZ

Chicago, Illinois

"Hoppy," who hails from Chicago, did all with unexcelled ambition. An outstanding player in intramural competition, a zealous student and active in extra-curricular events, Stan can't help but succeed in his future optometric studies at Loyola University.



LAWRENCE A. KOLITO

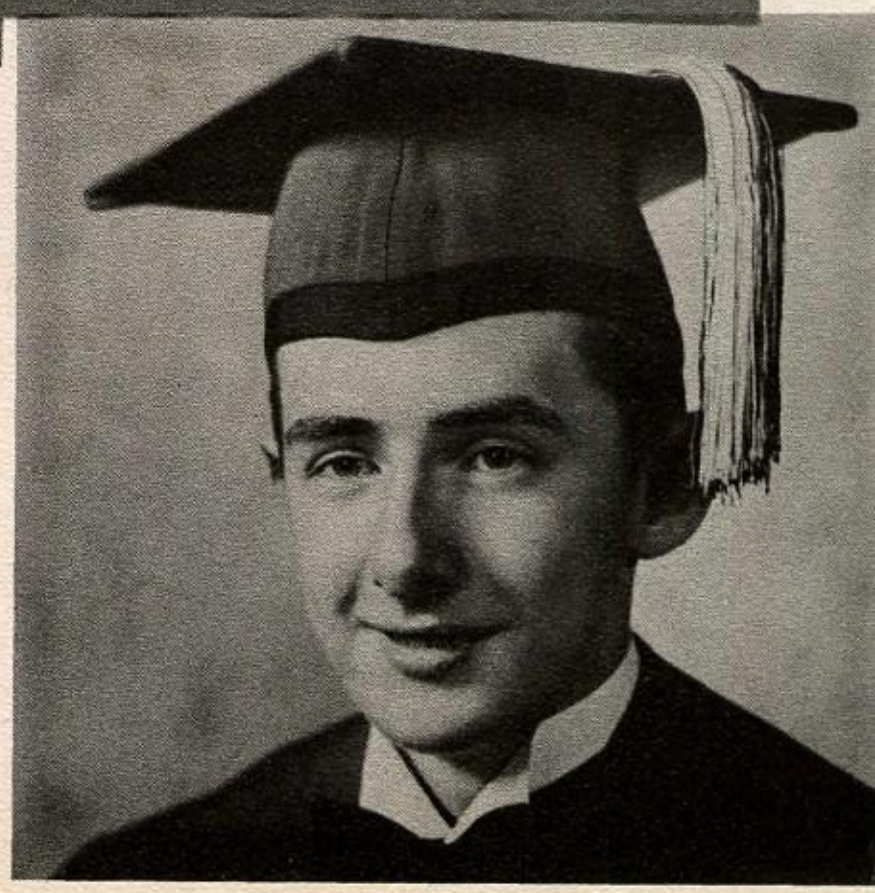
St. Claire Shores, Michigan

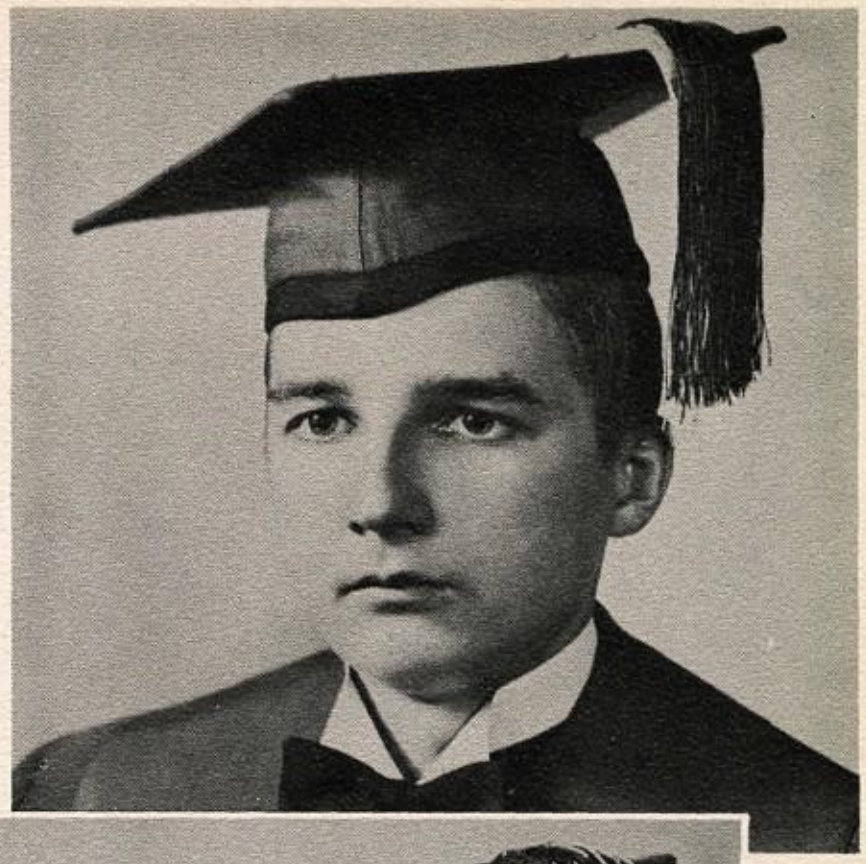
Rarely does one see "Larry" without his broad beaming smile. "Never say die" well fits his continuous pursuits in matters academic, especially mathematics and science. His star was also bright in his athletic pursuits. He intends to enter Michigan Institute of Technology to further his studies in Chemical Engineering.

FELIX J. OLEKSZYK

Detroit, Michigan

Full of vim, vigor and vitality, "Fido" was well known on the campus for his friendliness and good humor. An eager participant in all sports, he will be best remembered as a miler on the track team. We wish him the best of luck in his aspirations toward the Priesthood.





HARRY J. KOMAJDA
Detroit, Michigan

Harry was one of those easy-to-get-along-with fellows. His energy and determination to get ahead were added reasons for his success. His perseverance and amiability will assure him a successful future as a dentist. Harry intends to enter Notre Dame to pursue his studies in that regard.

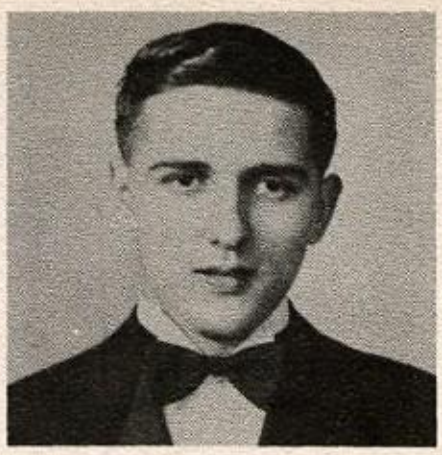
GEORGE M. KOWALEWSKI
Shamokin, Pennsylvania

"Doc," as he is commonly called, has shown himself to be an honor student in his academic studies; he was also an able orator. He is a lover of music and all things aesthetic. We wish you success in the field of medicine, "Doc."

VERNON M. NORKIEWICZ
Chicago, Illinois

"Rabbit's" amiable personality was the result of his motto, "Smile and the world smiles with you." Never to shirk his duty, he rolled up his sleeves and got down to work whenever it was required. His amiable personality and perseverance should make him a successful Priest.

Father "Henry"



"Mike"

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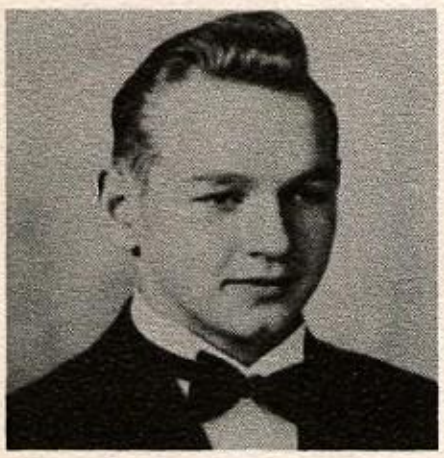


"Charlie"

CLASS HISTORY

1946-1947. It was a warm, comfortable day in September of 1946, when ninety-seven young men made their debut on the campus of St. Mary's as Freshmen.

At first, we were a lost and frightened group of "Freshies." Nostalgia befell a number of us, but since we were a large class, it gradually disappeared.

Soon we had our first class meeting with Father Orlik, our classmaster, who immediately gained our love and respect. Our first task was the designing of a class emblem.

Father Kubik was our disciplinarian. He organized a number of intramural teams and soon we became class activity conscious. We had a great number of representatives on the Reserve Teams for basketball and track as well as football and baseball.

Among our many interesting experiences was our first meeting with the Polish Refugee boys. They became our classmates and before long we were fast friends.

Soon the school year came to an end. We left St. Mary's in June to enjoy a well deserved summer recess.

1947-1948. The summer months went by quickly and soon we found ourselves once again at St. Mary's. This time we bore much happier features, since now we were all acquainted with one another.

A pleasant year boomed ahead of us. We became organized under the able guidance of our new classmaster, Father Swastek. We purchased a statue of St. Therese of the Child Jesus with the generous contributions received from our many friends and relatives. It now stands on the Sophomore corridor in the Noah's Ark. Later, we contributed our share towards the purchasing of a new electric scoreboard for the gymnasium.

Studies appeared to be more difficult than in the previous year, and we welcomed the summer vacation all the more.

1948-1949. Another summer recess elapsed and we made our third appearance on St. Mary's campus. Our new residence became the College Barracks. Father Swastek was our new disciplinarian and to him we owe many thanks for his fatherly guidance and direction.

We were all pleased to see each other and yet disappointed, for some of our classmates did not return. The number had diminished to fifty.

During the course of the year we purchased class rings with the kind assistance of Father Rozak, our classmaster. We were the first class of St. Mary's High to be privileged to have the new coat of arms appear on our rings.

Our intramural teams were strong and well organized; we were the victors of the Memorial Day Track meet.

As a token of admiration and friendship toward the graduating Seniors, we presented a program, "Gaudeamus," which brought back fond memories of our exploits together.

Another year came to pass. At this time we were mindful of the fact that in a few months we, too, would make our final departure from the campus of St. Mary's.

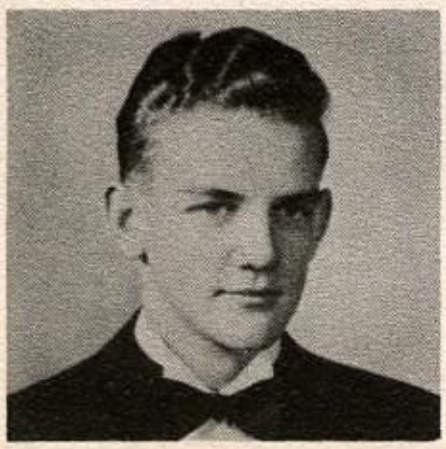
1949-1950. At the opening of our final high school year, the members of the Class of "50," consisting of 43, seemed to be in a very happy mood.

Soon after our return a class meeting was called. New officers were elected and the solidarity manifested forecasted a happy and successful year. Plans were completed for the class outing, the yearbook, graduation pictures and above all, preparations for the Commencement Exercises. With the cooperation of the Juniors, we purchased a television set, which became the main attraction of our new Club Room.

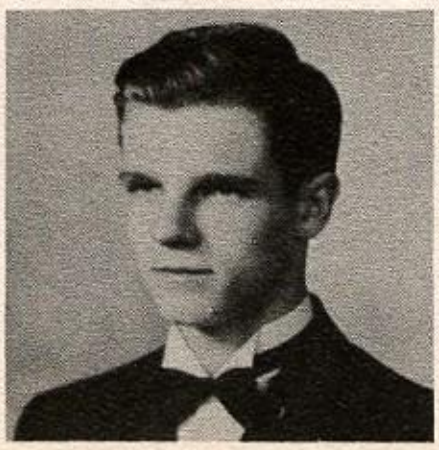
We seemed to encounter a few difficulties in our studies, but such trivialities—Graduation was ahead! ! ! !

Yes, this Graduation Day will indeed remain a memorable one in our lives. As we take final leave of St. Mary's we whisper prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings we have received during the course of our four year stay. We shall always remember St. Mary's and ever be grateful to her for the achievements we may attain in the future.

"Gabby"



"Ding-Dong"



"Boozer"

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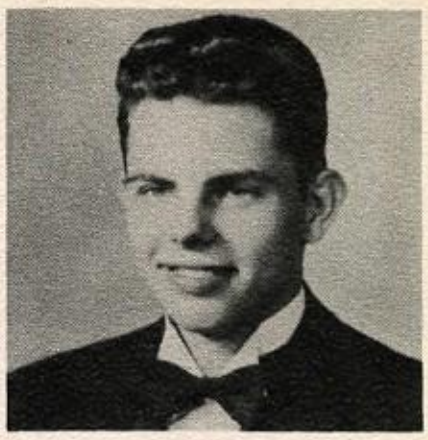


"Koko"

CLASS WILL

We, the High School Senior Class of 1950, realizing that we will soon cease to exist; and that we have in our possession priceless treasures, that may, no doubt, cause consternation among those who might wish to secure them, being of sound mind and good judgment, do hereby make, execute, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament, revoking any previous promises made without due deliberation and careful consideration, and which would conflict with statements contained in this profound document.

Having reached the climax of our four year stay, we draw this last will and testament in memory of our day of departure.

TO THE RECTOR AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: We leave our gratitude for their manifold sacrifices and undying endeavors to make St. Mary's the outstanding Prep School of the Midwest.

TO OUR FACULTY: We bequeath our future successes, as well as promulgate our appreciation for their guidance in all our difficulties both scholastic and spiritual.

TO OUR BELOVED DEAN OF MEN AND REVERED PRINCIPAL: We leave not the memories of the past, but a promising future in which the success of tomorrow is enclosed.

TO THE FUTURE SENIORS: We leave all the hardships and struggles that go to build character, but most of all the joyous moments and final successes that embelish an accomplished goal.

TO ALL LOWER CLASSMEN: We leave this exhortation: "There is a land of beginning again, where broken dreams are formed. Though we made mistakes that grew, let's forget the past and start life anew."

Now in particular we bequeath, devise, and will the following idiosyncrasies and articles of use:

I, Michael, leave my zooty clothes.
I, Bullet Bill, leave my extraordinary athletic abilities and bowling pins.
I, Cat, leave my chewed-up saxophone reeds and handbook "Love Letter Writing."
I, Gus, leave my lifetime membership in the "Broken Hearts Club."
I, Joey, leave my musical tonsils, elevated shoes and Toni wave set.
I, Charlie, leave my address book full of Keego and vicinity addresses.
I, Gabby, leave my barber's equipment.
I, Ding-Dong, leave my "Governor Williams" bow ties.
I, Boozer, leave my lumberjack shirts.
I, Jerry, leave my "Bronson Journal" and fancy lamp shades.
I, Jiggs, leave my Trigonometry book and worn out but comfortable easy chair.
I, Jaks, leave my "famous" stories and Father Buszek's missing stop watch.
I, John, leave my built-in shoulder pads and long sideburns.
I, Koko, leave my handbook of jokes.
I, Blackjack, leave my collection of poems for the future Lake Oracle Staff.
I, Harry, leave my array of hair tonics and flashy basketball trunks.
I, Doc, leave my green visor and secret connections with the F.B.I.
I, Speedy, leave my successful tactics for gaining town permissions.
I, Kuli, leave my homemade cigarette lighters and well-polished shoes.
I, Hank, leave my pin striped shirts with curved pant legs for some bandy-legged Junior.
I, Walter, leave my shaving lotions and leaky fountain pens.
I, Rabbit, leave my book "How to be Popular, Though Thrifty."
I, Fido, leave my water bucket and love for sleeping anywhere at anytime.
I, Patches, leave my handicraft tools and model automobiles.
I, Runt, leave my empty potato chip bags and chewed-up tooth picks.
I, Baker, leave my baseball uniform and model letters for the lovelorn.
I, Plugger, leave my trophy, honor ribbons and medals.
I, Donald, leave my cozy room and handbook on Interior Decorating.
I, Louie, leave my love for English and Polish Literature.
I, Al, leave my burden of leadership to the future senior president.
I, Gene, leave my size 12 shoes and my jumbo smile.
I, Dick, leave my paper route and the tips which go with it.
I, Smoker, leave my allergy to sodas and horseradish.
I, Andy, leave my political pull with the music teacher.

"Blackjack"

"Komo"

"Doc"

"Rabbit"

"Hank"

"Kulie"

"Speedy"

"Runt"

"Plugger"

"Baker"

"Steve"

"Patches"

I, Steve, leave my over-frequented room with all its cigarette butts.
I, Snuffy, leave my job as recreation room manager.
I, Len, leave my artistic abilities and road maps of Michigan.
I, Clinker, leave my cigar bands and butts.
I, Walenty, leave my defenses of the City of Chicago and midnight oil.
I, West, leave my priceless albums of photos, and sparkling personality.
I, Joe, leave my famous accounts of Los Angeles.
I, Wee Willie, leave my book "How to Lose Ten Pounds in Two Weeks" to some stout Junior.
I, Stan, leave my memorable brown ties and ancient lamp shades.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the aforementioned Senior Class, in the presence of the following witnesses:

E. Z. Duzit
I. Q. Highlow
C. U. Sometimes

"Fido"

CLASS PROPHECY

A quarter of a century had elapsed since the Class of 1950 said farewell to its Alma Mater. It was imperative that the long awaited reunion be called at last.

It was in the month of December, the third day to be exact, in the year of 1975, that anonymous telegrams were sent to the members of the Class of '50. The messages which they bore did not seem important; yet, tension ran high. We all were ordered to go to Rome. The members of the class quickly left their tasks, packed their belongings and sailed to the Eternal City. It must be remembered that there was one important factor concerning the excursion: each individual was to go to Rome in complete secrecy.

Within two weeks everyone found himself comfortably lodged in various parts of the city. However, they were perplexed and eager to discover the mystery which drove them there.

On the night of the twenty-third swift arrests were made. The police of Rome were traveling through the streets, questioning everyone and guarding various tourist homes and hotels of the city. Crowds of spectators gathered about the hotels wherein numerous arrests had been made. The owners of the hotels were in a frenzy, for their guests were being treated rudely. Silent men, foreigners, were led to waiting black sedans. Then, with the shrill cry of the siren, they disappeared far into the night.

What followed was most bizarre. We were blindfolded and pushed into automobiles. In spite of our protests, charging our captors with a why and wherefore of our arrest, we were driven aimlessly about the ancient streets for approximately two hours. The sedans finally came to a stop. Escorted up a flight of stairs, we were shoved into a pitch black salon. The men we found within were silent and moody. No one bothered to start a conversation; our minds were oppressed and fearful. It was sheer misery in the room. Everyone sensed an impending disaster, for in those days Communists were curbing all tourist activity. Every so often the steel front door opened and another hapless stranger was thrown into our midst.

Eventually the back door of the room opened and someone entered. At once the room was ablaze with blinding lights. Recovering our senses, we began to glance around. All our attention was centered on one person. We surmised that he was a Cardinal. A man of middle age, robust, medium stature, and attired in flowing red robes. A few seconds passed in silent gazing. When he finally spoke, the Cardinal's words were few, but the joy they expressed was boundless. We uttered a cry of amazement and happiness, flinging ourselves into each other's arms, for we were classmates of gone-by days. The joy we exhibited was sincere. The man who addressed us was none other than Archbishop Jerome Tychulski, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and now a visitor in Rome.

"Walt"

"Louie"

"Dick"

"Al"

"Gene"

"Andy"

"Smoker"

"Donald"

"Clinker"

We spent more than two hours talking over our past experiences. Prior Michael Bienia, O.F.M., was engaged in conversation with Mr. Leonard Paula, Professor of Music at the University of Detroit. Mr. Ronald Bulas, an Aeronautical Engineer, found himself surrounded by Messrs. Edward Kuligowski, Architectural Designer, and Alfred Serowik, President of the American Engineers' Association. Near the mantel piece, Reverend Bernard Przybocki, Procurator at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, Gerald Smolka, Professor of Biology and Chemistry, Gerald Piekarski, Athletic Director and Coach of the invincible Polish Eagles, Henry Kus, well-known Polish Historian and Jerome Herman, Professor of Mathematics, were reminiscing with Reverend Walter Szumlinski, a Maryknoll Missionary, who just returned from China. Right Reverend Monsignor Donald Rusch, newly appointed Rector of St. Mary's, besought the advice of Bishop Walter Lebuchowski, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, regarding administrative matters.

Near the bookcase, Messrs. Theodore Cichecki, Director of a famous South American Band and Joseph Jakubowski, world renowned Comedian of Screen and Radio, were signing contracts with Mr. Eugene Ciolek, Proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria of New York. Directly parallel to an enormous bust of Cicero, which stood in the right corner of the room, Messrs. Joseph Wejroch, United States Senator from Michigan, Francis Padzieski, F.B.I. Criminologist, Lucian Sawicki, Surgeon at the Mayo Clinic, Richard Kueber, Cattle Rancher of Texas, Stanley Stone, Manufacturer of the Stanley Jetmobile and Lawrence Kolito, Research Scientist at Oak Ridge, were conferring with George Kowalewski, newly appointed Ambassador to Poland. The subject of their conversation was the problem of raising economic standards in Asia.

Messrs. Vernon Norkiewicz, Owner of the Monte Carlo Club, and Stanley Walentynowicz, Chicago Chemist, were busy discussing the newly found cure for cancer with Doctor Harry Komajda, Chief Surgeon at the Henry Ford Hospital of Detroit.

Standing beneath the alcove, Messrs. Alfred Fuchs, Wall Street Banker, Donald Gamalski, Chain Hardware Store Owner, Leo Kokosinski, Owner of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, and Felix Olekszyk, Canadian Lumber Distributor, were trying to devise ways to make known their enterprises to an ever wider public.

Near a statue of Hercules, Mr. Eugene Wilk, National Wrestling Champion, was displaying his new strangle hold on Archbishop Tychulski. Messrs. Leonard Topik and Stephen Stemp, Jewelers with the Lloyds of London, were the interested and amused spectators.

Beneath a portrait of Pius XII, Mr. Richard Sikora, U.N. Mediator to Russia, and Gerald Cardinal Wasielewski, Archbishop of Detroit, were being interviewed by Eugene Sikora, noted Paris Commentator and Journalist for the New York Times.

Sitting in Ottoman Chairs, Messrs. Eugene Gabalski and Joseph Czapski, Dentists, were discussing their profession.

To one side of a marble statue of the Big Fisherman, Mr. Richard Gurzyski, a famous deep sea angler, was explaining the proper ways of casting and baiting to Mr. John Koczkodan, National three-cushion Billiard Champ.

Time went by so quickly and no one bothered to inquire of their whereabouts; no one realized that they were assembled in Pope Pius XIV's reception room at the Vatican.

At the sound of a clarion, all conversation dwindled and ceased. All eyes turned to the place from where the sound came. There in the doorway stood His Holiness, Pope Pius XIV, the former Papal Nuncio to Poland. All assembled were astounded and awe-stricken. He addressed us in a simple way, extending greetings and blessings. He requested us to go to St. Peter's Basilica for Midnight Mass. It was now Christmas Eve of the 1975 Holy Year of Jubilee.

Slowly the cortege wound its way into the cathedral. There we waited for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to commence.

The basilica was resounding with splendid voices of the Vatican Choir, when each member of the Class of '50 went to the rail to receive the Sacred Host.

After the Pontifical Mass was celebrated, we, with the multitude, went out of the titanic church into St. Peter's Square. Thence, with a last backward glance, we returned to our lodgings in peace, joy and contentment.

And so ended the mysterious excursion and another Holy Year.

"Snuffy"

"Joe"

"Len"

"Walenty"

"West"

"Wee Willie"

"Stan"

JUNIORS

Stanislaus Bartoski

Richard Bogacki

Robert Dombrowski

Marion Dudek

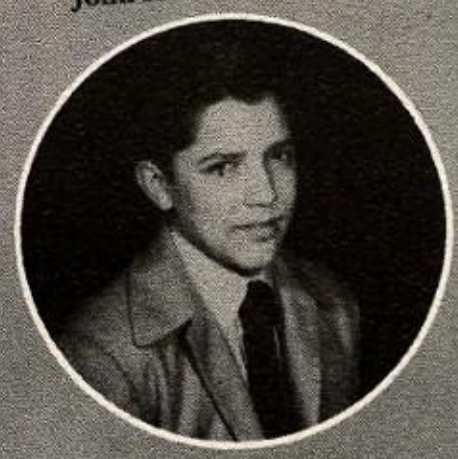
Thomas Gardziola

John Guzik

Richard Kaminski

John Krawczonek

Gerald Krzynowek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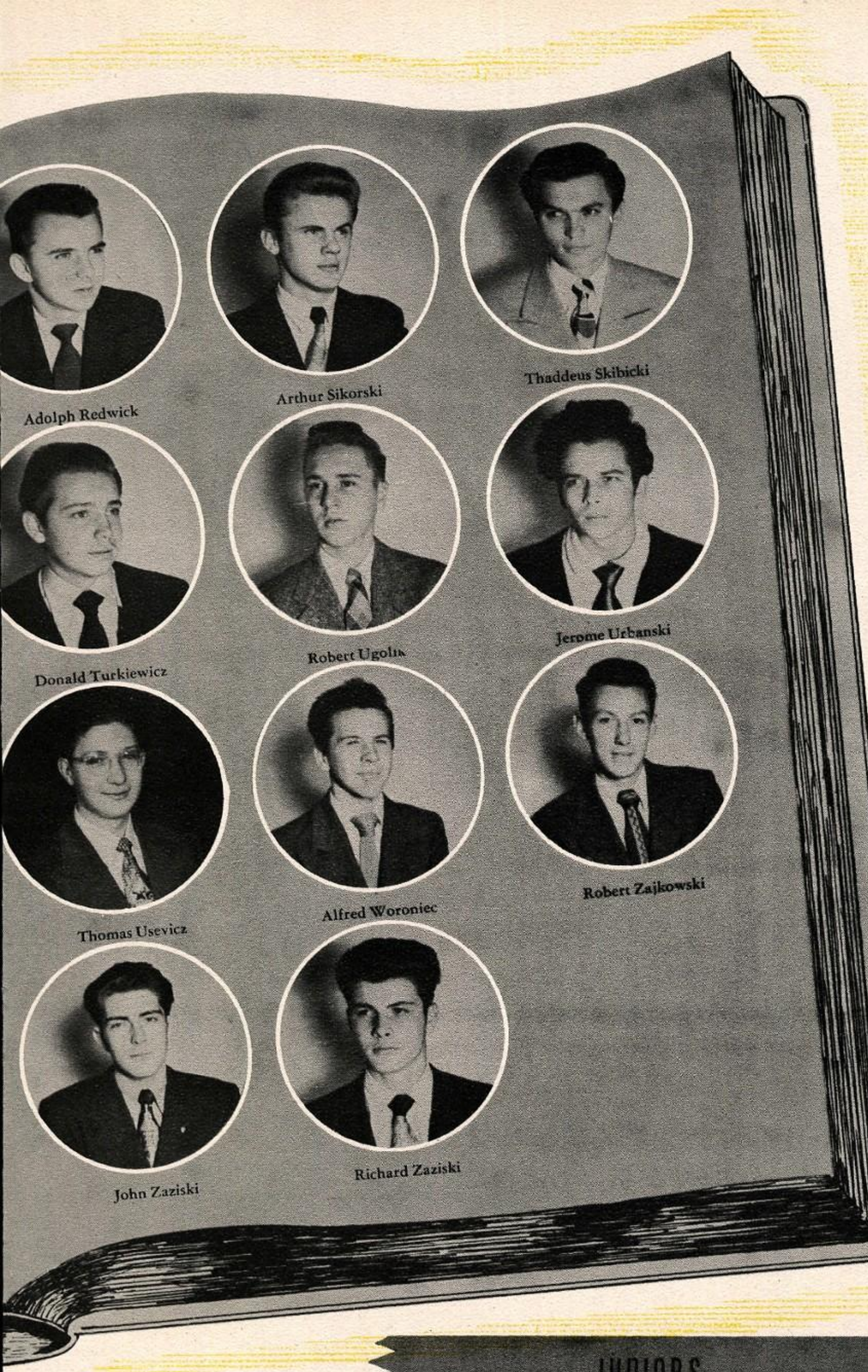
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Richard Zaziski

JUNIORS

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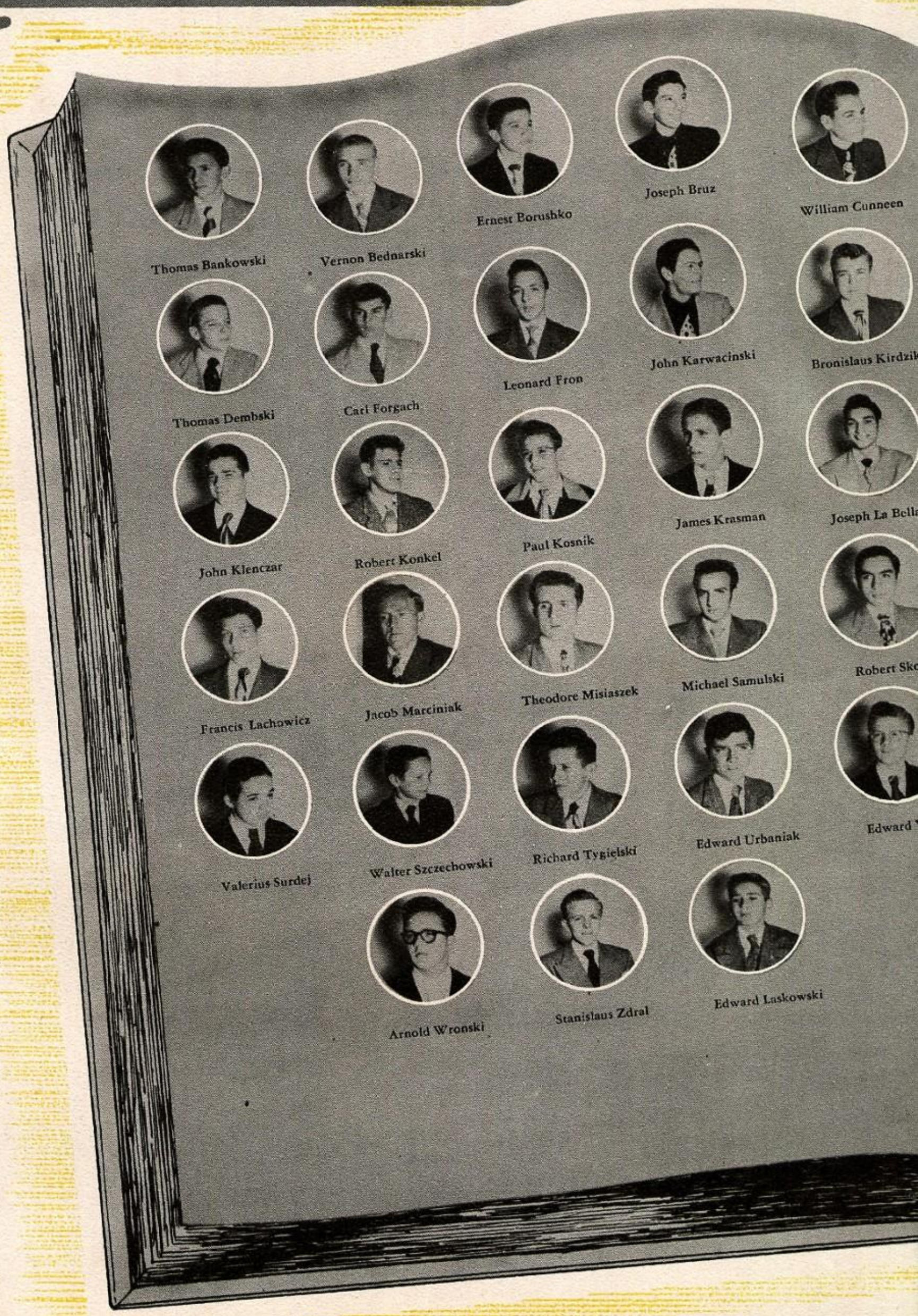

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William Cunneen
Thomas Dembski
Carl Forgach
Leonard Fron
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John Klenczar
Robert Konkel
Paul Kosnik
James Krasman
Joseph La Bella
Francis Lachowicz
Jacob Marciniak
Theodore Misiaszek
Michael Samulski
Robert Sko
Valerius Surdej
Walter Szczechowski
Richard Tygielski
Edward Urbaniak
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Arnold Wronski
Stanislaus Zdral
Edward Laskowski

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Edward Barczynski
Henry Bialy
Jerome Boik
John Dembowski
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Richard Donakowski
Richard Dudek
Raymond Foster
Stanislaus Kasprzycki
Ronald Komorek
Stephen Kowalewski
Ronald Kucharski
Joseph Legerski
Paul Lyczak
Louis Mallat, Jr.
John Moyski
Norbert Nowicki
Robert Parker
Richard Pasko
Richard Ray
John Springer
Jerome Stryjewski
Francis Vecchio
Robert Wachowski
Richard Wallick
Leo Wilczynski
John Winowiecki
Richard Wojcik
Richard Zambiski
Walter Zawadzki
John Zebrowski
Robert Ziolkowski

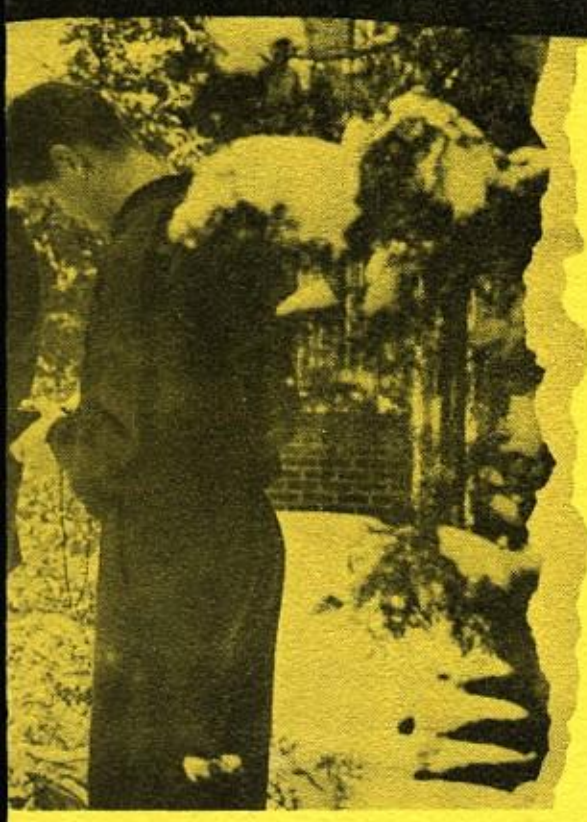
FRESHMEN

BOOK FIVE

"PRAWDZIWY chrześcijanin nietylko że nie usuwa się od zabiegów ziemskiego życia i nie uszczupla swoich naturalnych władz, ale przeciwnie rozwija je i udoskonala, harmonizując je z życiem nadprzyrodzonem, przez co nawet i naturalne życie uszlachetnia i daje mu bardzo skuteczną pomoc, nietylko w porządku duchowym i wiecznym, ale także materyalnem i doczesnym."

PAPIEŻ PIUS XI

Activities



JUNIOR BAND

Music has always been an important factor in keeping alive the "Spirit of St. Mary's." Thus, the Junior Band has been faithful in providing music for all institutional social events. The Band's versatility was manifested at the annual Spring Concert. It was then that all were convinced of its true worth. More such success will certainly bring to St. Mary's one of the finest bands in its history. With due credit to all the members for their zealous effort to give their best, and to their fine director, Fr. Waraksa, we extend our congratulations and best wishes for an ever more brilliant future.

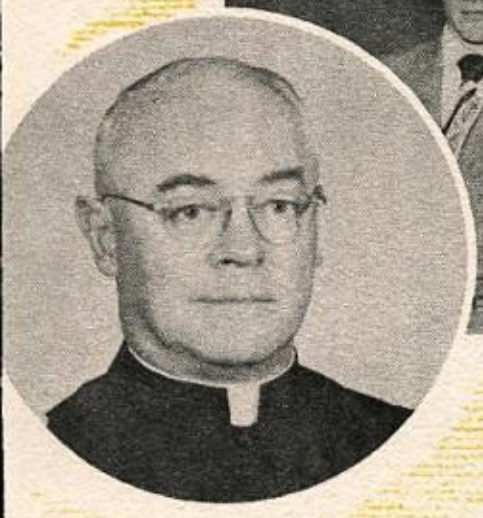
First Row: Mr. F. Bach, S. Kasprzycki, E. Barczynski, F. Resheske, R. Komorek. *Second Row*: R. Pasko, J. Springer, L. Mallat, R. Kucharski. *Third Row*: A. Kozlowski, A. Walawender, H. Michniak, L. Wilczynski, E. Kozlowski, N. Nowicki. *Moderator*: Rev. Henry Waraksa.

"ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, WE THANK TH

CLASSICS' SODALITY

Following a program which by its very nature has a beneficial effect on the spiritual lives of its members, the Classics' Sodality sponsors various social programs which inspire them toward a greater and deeper devotion to our Immaculate Mother. Thus, the Sodality supplements their private spiritual exercises to the Blessed Virgin with a program abounding in Catholic thought and action. By faithfully and loyally realizing the aims of the Sodality, its members develop a deep rooted fervor for Catholic life and all that it stands for.

Left to right: Peter Szleszinski, Treasurer; George Dabrowski, Prefect; Adam Maida, Vice-Prefect; Francis Skalski, Secretary; *Moderator*: Rev. Joseph Swastek.



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION UNIT

The unceasing zeal of the members of the High School Mission Unit is responsible for the fine work that is being done in the Prep department for the cause of the missions. The unit has for its purpose to awaken a spirit of mission interest among the Prep students, and by so doing to help the various missions both in America and abroad. By cooperating with the Seminary Mission Unit in its presentation of an Annual Mission Rally and, in its gathering of postal stamps, the unit has proven itself of inestimable value on the Prep campus.

Standing: Francis Vecchio, Secretary; Leonard Fron, Treasurer. *Seated*: Eugene Gabalski, President; Adolph Redwick, Vice-President. *Moderator*: Rev. Francis X. Orlik.

PREP GLEE CLUB

This youngest member of the Music Department at St. Mary's, not to be outdone by its seniors, has constantly surged upward on the road to musical success. The fact that several of its members have graduated to the ranks of the Schola Cantorum serves to establish the value of the group. The Glee Club, moreover, strives to acquaint the Prep student body with the finest folk and student songs of America and Poland. Rehearsals are held regularly each week and public appearances are made at such affairs as the Mission Rally, Christmas Musicale, Spring Concert and the Senior Gaudeamus. The enthusiasm and interest manifested by the members assures a promising future to the group.

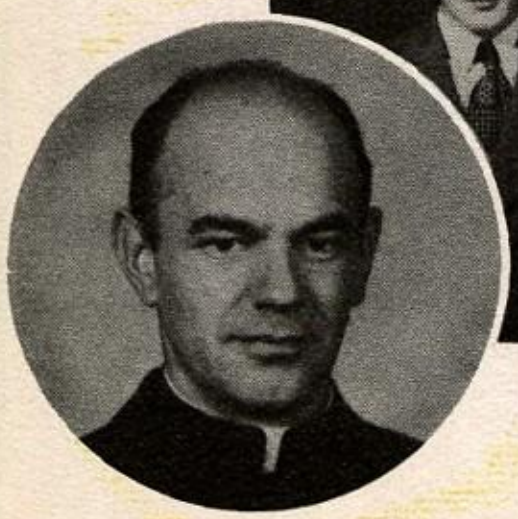
First Row: T. Dembski, V. Surdej, F. Olekszyk, S. Kowalewski, J. Kawarcinski, R. Albanowski. *Second Row*: J. Koczkodan, R. Pasko, R. Wallick, F. Lachowicz, E. Kuligowski, R. Skora, Rev. J. Gabalski. *Third Row*: M. Dudek, H. Kus, E. Wilk, A. Woroniec, T. Plotzke, A. Fuchs. *Fourth Row*: G. Kowalewski, S. Stone, T. Misiaszek, D. Gamalski, A. Serowik, E. Gabalski, A. Wronski, J. Marciniak. *Moderator*: Rev. John Gabalski.

SENIOR BAND

No Hennessy tootles the flute nor any McCarty pumps the old bassoon but you can be sure that every time the St. Mary's Band strikes up, the drums go bang, the cymbals clang, and the horns they blaze away. For, although at their full strength they number forty, the Band is a well-knit, experienced unit of twenty-five members, who are present at all athletic contests to spur the teams of St. Mary's to victory.

First Row: J. Baranowski, M. Kaminski, J. Jablonski, T. Bankowski, E. Wotta, J. Jakubowski, F. Resheske. *Second Row*: Mr. Frank Bach, Director; B. Tubielewicz, D. Rusch, A. Redwick, T. Plotzke, J. Krawczonek. *Third Row*: J. Guzik, A. Wronski, S. Zdral, J. Miller, J. Szwach, S. Bartoski, P. Kosnik. *Fourth Row*: C. Kolak, M. Dubis, T. Misiaszek, T. Gardziola, R. Zaziski, R. Goleniowski. *Moderator*: Rev. Henry Waraksa.

HEAVENLY FATHER, THOU WHO SEEST ALL



PHI GAMMA CHI

Organized for the promotion of "Good Cheer" and "School Spirit" among the college students, the Phi Gamma Chi Fraternity has been an important factor in the sponsoring of many campus social affairs.

The Fraternity opened its social activities for the year with the annual "Get-Acquainted Party." The traditional initiations once again introduced the plebes into the ranks of tried and true brothers. The weekly Frat nights, for which the Barracks were long known, were abandoned this year in favor of occasional well-planned assemblies and parties.

Seated: Joseph Miller, President; Peter Szleszinski, Vice-President. *Standing*: George Dabrowski, Secretary; Francis Lapczynski, Treasurer; Zygmunt Kowalczyk, Assistant Secretary; Peter Kruszka, Sgt.-at-Arms. *Moderator*: Rev. Michael Koltuniak.

THE LAKE ORACLE

Founded for the purpose of fulfilling the traditional purpose of a Catholic Campus newspaper, the Lake Oracle strives to increase school spirit by recognizing contributions to the intellectual, social, and spiritual welfare of the Classics' Department. To record the numerous activities of the scholastic year as well as to promote Catholic Action is another of its aims. Published monthly from September to June, ten numbers appear in that period. Perhaps the most noteworthy advancement of this year's Lake Oracle was the increased art work, modern layouts of pages and the complete coverage of school news and activities.

Standing: A. Jagodzinski, Z. Kowalczyk, A. Maida, A. Walawender. *Seated*: F. Jagodzinski, Editor; G. Dabrowski, Assistant Editor. *Moderator*: Rev. Andrew Pawelczak.

HINGS, WHO SEARCHEST AND DOST GUIDE

COLLEGE CHOIR

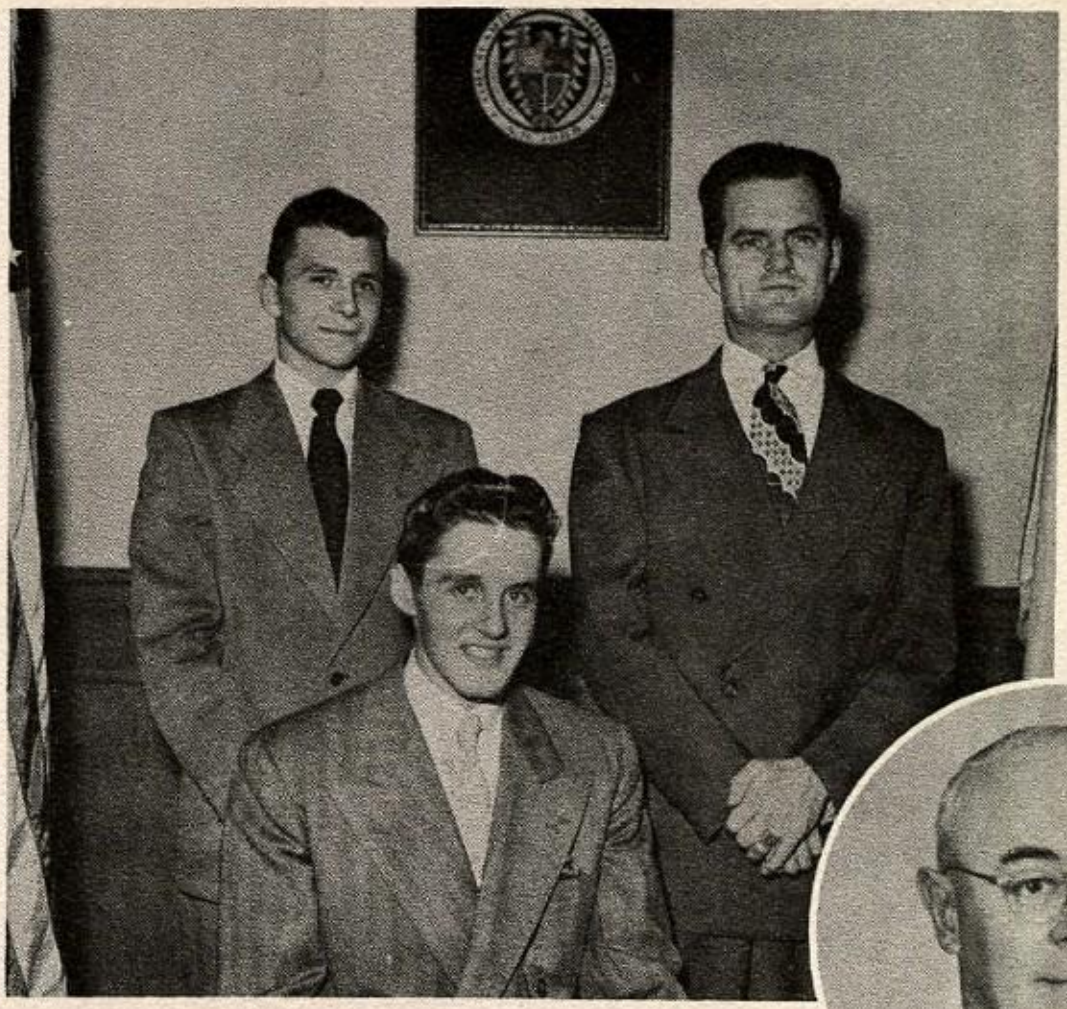
Reorganized in 1942, the College Choir has steadily gained an envious position in the Music Department. The aims of this group are threefold: to further an interest in vocal music among the college students; to train prospective candidates for The Schola Cantorum; and, to provide liturgical chant for the divine services held in the classics chapel. The choir's achievements are a tribute to the splendid cooperative spirit between the director and its members.

First Row: A. Lacki, Z. Kowalczyk, H. Bejgrowicz, B. Kaczmarczyk, B. Janowicz, G. Dabrowski. *Second Row*: Rev. J. Gabalski, Director; M. Kaminski, J. Jablonski, C. Lacki, A. Wozniak, W. Rybaltowski. *Third Row*: R. Maciejewski, F. Skalski, F. Jagodzinski, A. Maida, E. Fundalewicz, F. Lapczynski. *Fourth Row*: E. Pilat, S. Swierzowski, C. Lichodziejewski, M. Wieczorek, J. Skora, J. Miller, E. Lazowski. *Moderator*: Rev. John Gabalski.

COLLEGE MISSION UNIT

The purpose of the College Mission Unit is to acquaint the college students with the needs of the missions, as well as to instill in them a valiant missionary spirit. These aims are realized by means of spiritual, educational, and social activities. In cooperation with the Seminary Mission Unit, which stages the Annual Mission Rally, the members contribute willfully their services. This group produced two young men who are now furthering the cause of Christ in the Far East.

Standing: Thomas Palko, Vice-President; Harry Bojarski, Treasurer. *Seated*: Leonard Novak, President. *Moderator*: Rev. Francis X. Orlik.



FRIENDS OF THE ORCHARD LAKE SEMINARY

A recognition of the need for an organization which would sponsor an annual drive for funds among Polish-speaking Americans was responsible for the conception of the Friends of the Orchard Lake Seminary. Since its inception four years ago, the organization has focused its message of appeal on the need for funds in the education and support of the Polish Refugee boys who are students at St. Mary's. Last year's drive was a huge success, realizing over $20,000. The Eagle Staff wishes Father Popielarz, its Director, bigger and better results in the future.

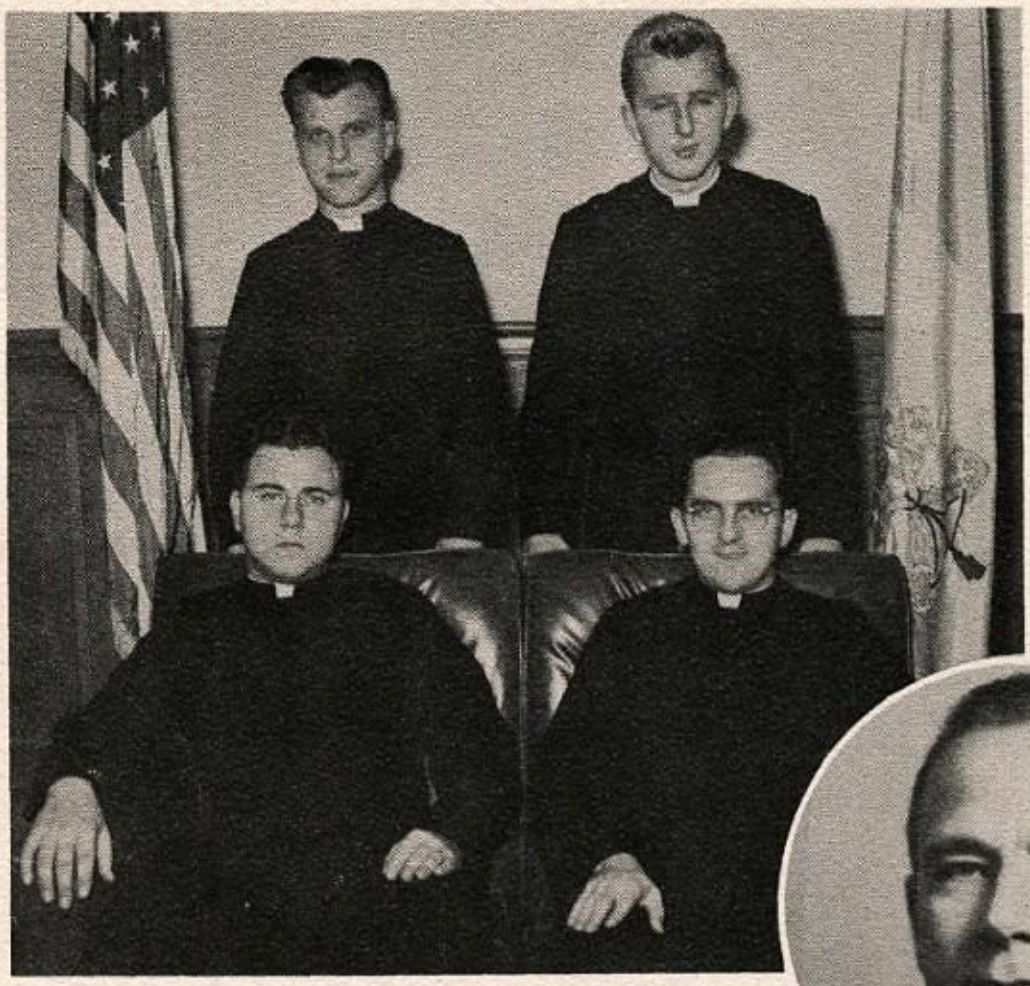
Seated: Chester Genecki, Stanley Lipinski. *Standing*: Joseph Sadowski, Adam Maida, Edward Fundalewicz, James Stamborski. *Moderator*: Rev. Edward D. Popielarz.

STUDENT OFFICE PERSONNEL

The efficiency and promptness with which institutional correspondence is answered, recorded and filed is due in a great measure to the fine staff of students who are employed in the various offices of the Administration Building. Realizing the fact that these students are forced to forfeit their free time in order to be on hand to carry out their assigned tasks, adds greatly to a proper appreciation of their unselfishness and self-sacrifice. Possibly the thought that the experience gained will serve them in good stead as parish priests will urge them to continue their record of fine performance.

Standing: Stanley Lipinski, John Krafchak, Jerome Tychulski, Bernard Przybocki, Chester Genecki. *Seated*: Stanislaus Milewski, Clement Markowski.

HEM RESPONSIVE, IN THIS TIME



DETROIT STUDENTS' CLUB

As one of the oldest municipal societies, the Detroit Club is still the most active organization on and off the campus. Its aims are clearly outlined in its constitution, namely, training in public speaking by way of programs of theatrical productions; strengthening social ties; and, aiding the Alma Mater through moral and material contributions. The organization sponsors annually a number of diversified activities for the realization of its outlined fraternal aims.

Standing: Edward Oleksyk, Secretary; Richard Kucharski, Treasurer. *Seated*: Stanislaus Redwick, President; Raymond Skoney, Vice-President. *Moderator*: Rev. John Rozak.

BUFFALO STUDENTS' CLUB

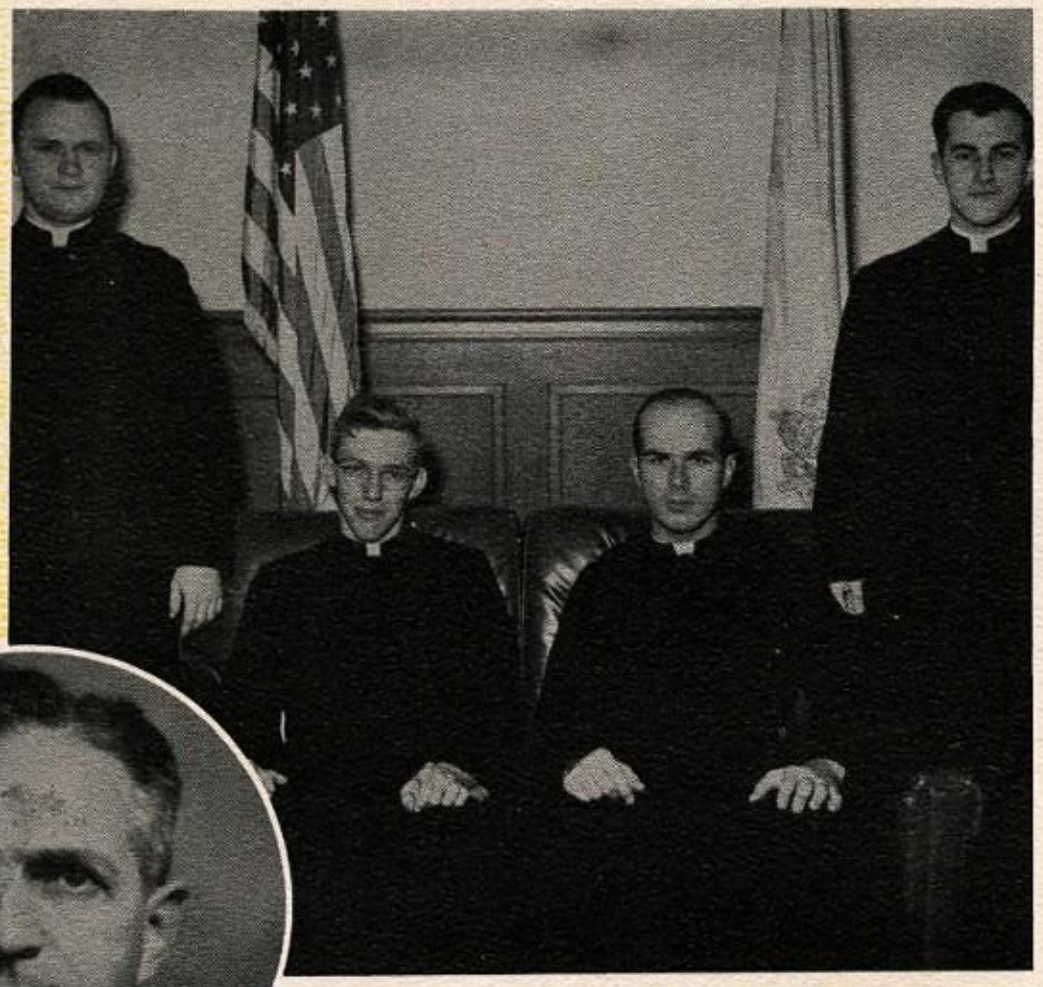
The Buffalo Club has for its purpose to instill in its members the necessity of mutual help and unity in their daily pursuits at Orchard Lake. To effect material and moral aid to the institution is another of its aims. One of the most successful off-the-campus ventures of the club is the annual practice of keeping alive the Polish custom of "Koledowanie." This activity together with an occasional play has aided the townsfolk of Buffalo to become more closely acquainted with Saint Mary's and its Alumni.

Standing: Chester Frysiak, Secretary; Daniel Wasik, Treasurer. *Seated*: Bernard Czechowicz, President; Philip Jarmack, Vice-President. *Moderator*: Rev. John Gabalski.

CHICAGO STUDENTS' CLUB

Following faithfully its motto "Friendship, Unity and Collaboration," the Chicago Club has assured itself a permanent position among the leading municipal clubs on the Campus. Regular monthly meetings during the academic year and frequent get-togethers during the summer recess help to attain the club's objectives.

Standing: J. Stamborski, Sgt.-at-Arms; T. Plawecki, Secretary; W. Dykas, Treasurer. *Seated*: A. Balczun, President; E. Bloch, Vice-President. *Moderator*: Rev. Edward Skrocki.



SCRANTON CLUB

Having been organized for the purpose of maintaining and strengthening friendship ties among its members, and of awakening an effective willingness among the Polonia of Scranton to aid morally and financially the schools at Orchard Lake, the Scranton Club is one of the largest and most active municipal clubs on the campus. Under the guidance of Father Rybinski, the club is enjoying great success in the field of theatrical productions which are presented in Scranton and vicinity during the Christmas Holidays. Year by year its success and popularity has steadily increased, thus verifying that the club is successful in fulfilling its avowed purposes.

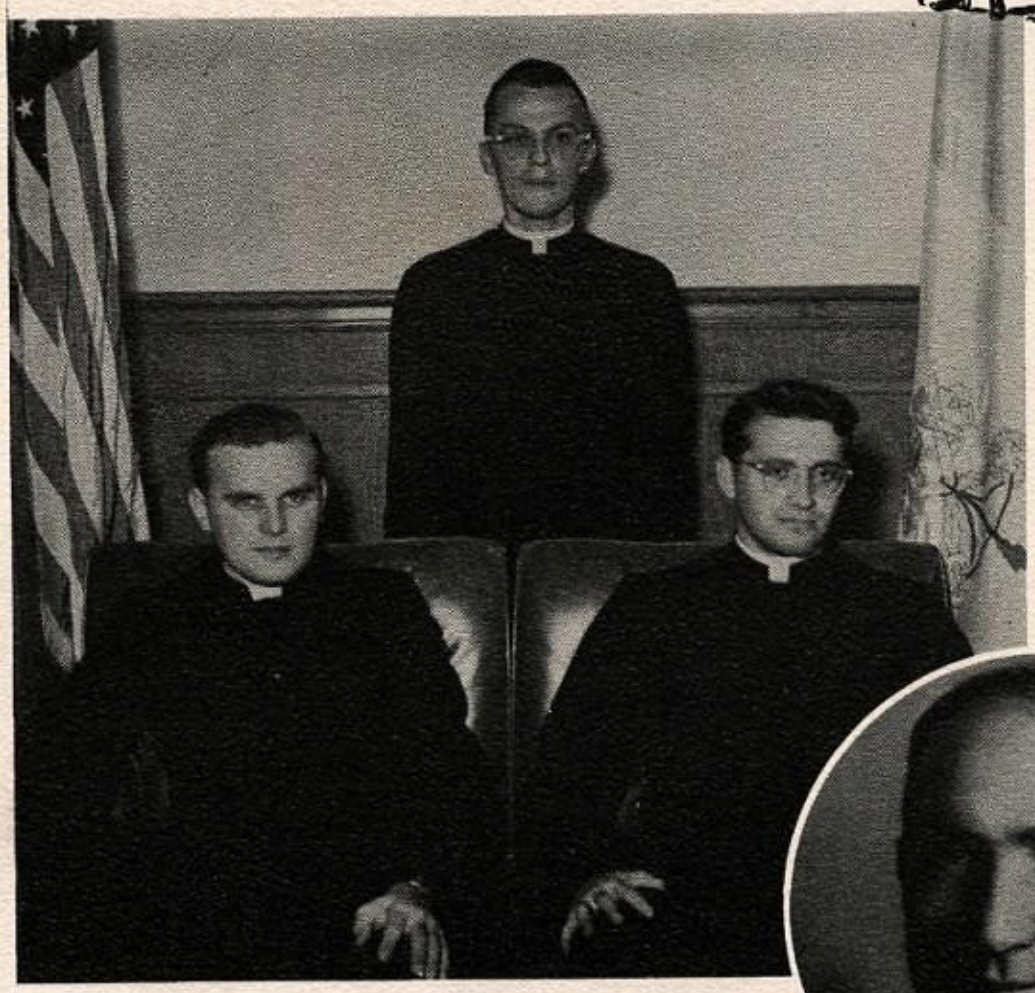
Standing: Francis Zywicki, Treasurer; Thomas Szczerba, Sgt.-at-Arms. *Seated*: Stanley Lipinski, Secretary; Joseph Ostrowski, Vice-President. *Moderator*: Rev. Joseph Rybinski.

NAY THE HOLY YEAR BE FOR ALL MEN

PHILADELPHIA STUDENTS' CLUB

Organized with the aim of maintaining a spirit of permanent friendship among the students from Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey, as well as extending moral and material aid to St. Mary's, the Philadelphia Club has gone a long way in its twenty-two years of existence. It also has the distinction of being the first municipal club to establish a scholarship which would benefit some needy student from Philadelphia or vicinity. Each year the members strive, by various activities, to acquaint the East with the genuine spirit of St. Mary's.

Standing: Chester Genecki, Treasurer. *Seated*: Vincent Nebus, Vice-President; John Stawasz, Secretary. *Moderator*: Rev. John Buszek.



LIBRARY STAFF

Although very inconspicuous in its existence, the members of the Library Staff can be credited with the smooth functioning of both the reading and circulation departments of the library. These men provide for the maintenance of order and systematic circulation of the many volumes which are to be found there. Cheerful in disposition, kind in manner, these men have gained for themselves the respect and appreciation of the entire student body.

Standing: D. Pokornowski, C. Genecki, S. Malinowski, J. Ostrowski, T. Penszynski, R. Brys, J. Stamborski. *Seated*: T. Szczerba, F. Zywicki, A. Kulick, J. Tamilowski, C. Frysiak. *Moderator*: Rev. Andrew Pawelczak.

A YEAR OF PURIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATIO

EUCHARISTIC LEAGUE

Entering upon its twenty-eighth year of existence, the Eucharistic League is still mindful of the program which its founders pre-arranged. In accord with the motto of Pope Pius X "to renew all in Christ," this organization aims to attain a close union with Him, Who is our Ideal, particularly in the sacerdotal life. The members spend fifteen minutes weekly in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Once a month they form an honor guard for the Lord in the Holy Eucharist by adoring Him for one full hour, thus benefiting tremendously from the spiritual treasures He promised those who keep watch with Him. In addition, members subscribe to the national publications Emmanuel and The Sentinel.

Standing: Leonard Kronkowski, Treasurer; Paul Pindel, Secretary. *Seated*: Chester Gajewski, President; Anthony Balczun, Vice-President. *Moderator*: Rev. Joseph Rybinski.

POLISH LITERARY SOCIETY

Among the various organizations on the campus, the Polish Literary Society is the oldest. It has, since its founding, enjoyed a colorful and eventful history. Having a definite appeal to all who endeavor to acquaint themselves with the cultural background of their Forefathers, it strives to develop in its members a deep and lasting interest in things Polish. By sponsoring numerous and varied literary programs, theatrical presentations, and frequent informal meetings, all conducted in the Polish language, the society has proved that it is successfully attaining its avowed purpose.

Standing: George Klimas, Advisor; Clement Markowski, Treasurer; Paul Pindel, Sgt.-at-Arms; Casimir Krzysiak, Secretary. *Seated*: Leonard Kronkowski, President; Richard Dolan, Vice-President. *Moderator*: Rev. Stanislaus Czopp.

OF INTERIOR LIFE AND REPARATION,

POLISH STUDENTS' MISSION UNIT

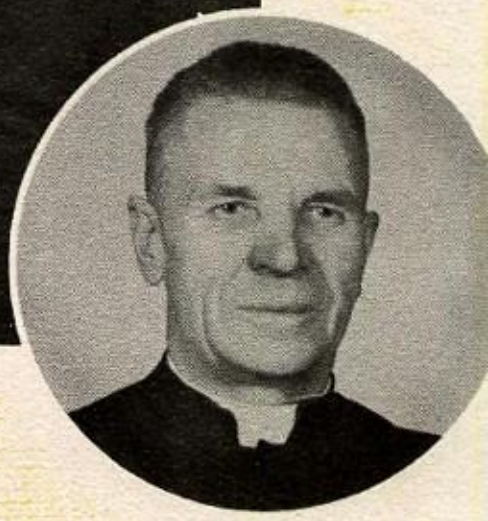
Since its founding, the Mission Unit in the seminary department strives to inflame in its members an Apostolic zeal and consciousness of the needs of the missions scattered throughout the world. Thus, each member prays and sacrifices for the missions. Each year the Unit sponsors an inspiring program on Mission Sunday. Moreover, newspapers, magazines and pamphlets containing mission news are widely distributed among the student body as well as among the patients of the neighboring hospitals.

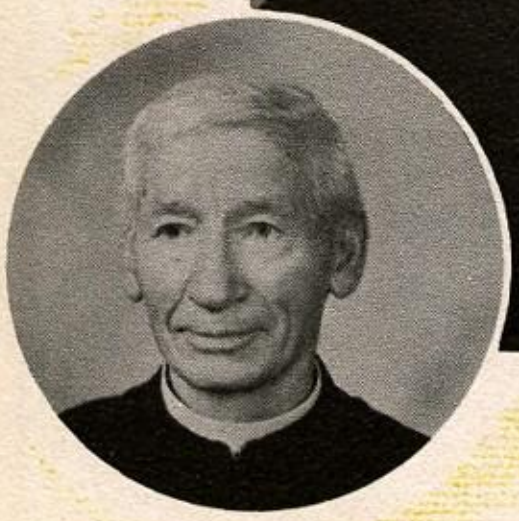
Seated: Julian Jercha, President; Stanley Krzysiak, Vice-President. *Standing*: Raymond Skoney, Secretary; Stanley Zubricki, Treasurer; Raymond Brys, Sgt.-at-Arms. *Moderator*: Rev. Francis X. Orlik.

SEMINARY SODALITY

The Seminary Sodality which is affiliated with the Prima Primaria in Rome, lives up to its motto "Per Mariam ad Jesum." Thus honoring Our Blessed Mother becomes a means of fostering in its members a special fervor for Catholic life and this, in turn, means more good works for personal holiness, greater love of neighbor, and the zeal to defend and spread the cause of Christ. On the last Saturday of each month the members assemble to recite the ageless and beautiful "Godzinki." During the months of October and May, the Sodality encourages its members to make daily visits to the grotto of Our Lady, where beautiful hymns are sung in her honor.

Seated: Stanley Piorkowski, Vice-Prefect; Bohdan Kosicki, Prefect. *Standing*: Gerald Twardon, Secretary; Leonard Kronkowski, Treasurer. *Moderator*: Rev. Anthony Maksimik.





SACRED HEART SOCIETY

The League of the Sacred Heart, officially known as the Confraternity of the Apostleship of Prayer, is a pious association, which endeavors to instill in its members a lively devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every member offers daily his prayers, good works and some mortification to the Sacred Heart, in reparation for the sins of mankind; they also remember the special intentions of the Holy Father in their morning prayers. Over and above these spiritual aims, the Society strives to furnish the school chapels with the many appointments necessary for divine worship. In this way the Society promotes externally its love for the Sacred Heart.

Seated: Anthony Balczun, President; W. Maslowski, Vice-President. *Standing*: Stanley Redwick, Sgt.-at-Arms; Stanley Piorkowski, Secretary. *Moderator*: Rev. Anthony Oscilowicz.

SCHOLA CANTORUM

Internationally known to the world for its annual rendition of Polish Christmas Carols over the Columbia Network, the Schola Cantorum is ever reaping new laurels in the difficult field of choral work. On Sundays and feastdays throughout the year, it provides chant for all liturgical functions. It also has appeared on all programs presented on the campus and has especially proved itself in a professional capacity at the annual Spring Concert. Father Waraksa, the director, is doing more than his share in making known the name of St. Mary's to the world at large.

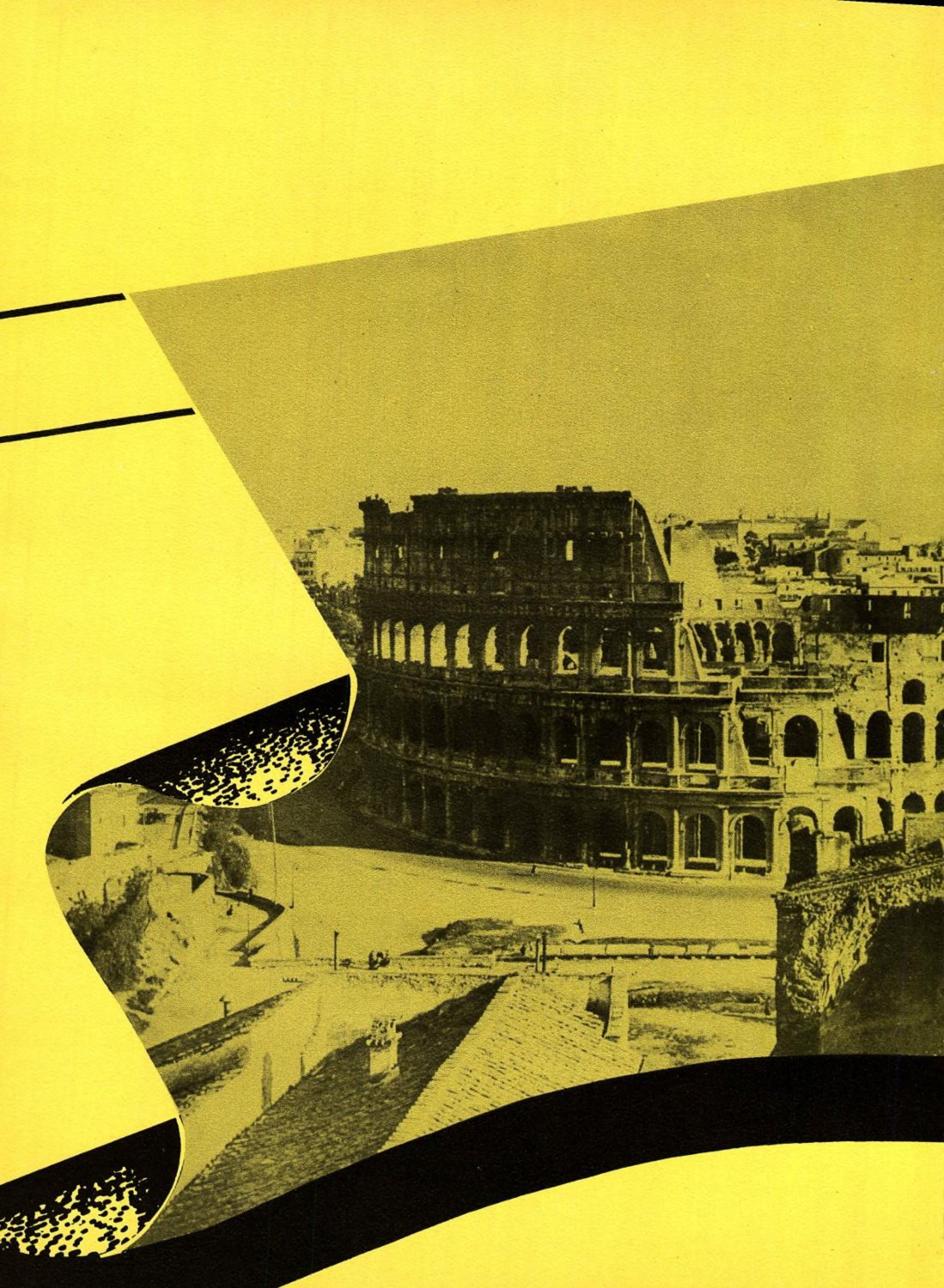
First Row: A. Lacki, E. Pilat, M. Komosinski, T. Ramotowski, J. Dabrowski. *Second Row*: E. Bloch, E. Fundalewicz, S. Lipinski, B. Czechowicz. *Third Row*: F. Resheske, P. Pindel, J. Skora, B. Kosicki, F. Jagodzinski. *Fourth Row*: J. Szwach, A. Balczun, J. Papka, J. Jercha, C. Lichodziejewski, J. Pawelski, A. Czeslawski. *Moderator*: Rev. Henry Waraksa.

AND OF THE GREAT PARDON.

THE CLEAR-VIEW

The Clear-View is the official monthly publication of the seminarians at Orchard Lake. Founded in December, 1948, it reflects their thought on some of the major problems of the day; and these, as the title indicates, are viewed from the "clear-viewpoint," i.e., the Catholic viewpoint. Such an approach not only informs, but also moulds the Catholic mind. It adjusts the seminarian's thinking to God's point of view, clarifies his ideas and elevates his ideals. And lastly, but not least, the Clear-View strives to give its readers an insight into the wisdom of the Saints.

Left to right: Raymond Skoney, Managing Editor; Donald Kozlowski, Editor-in-Chief; Joseph Ostrowski, Advisory Editor. *Moderator*: Rev. Joseph Swastek.

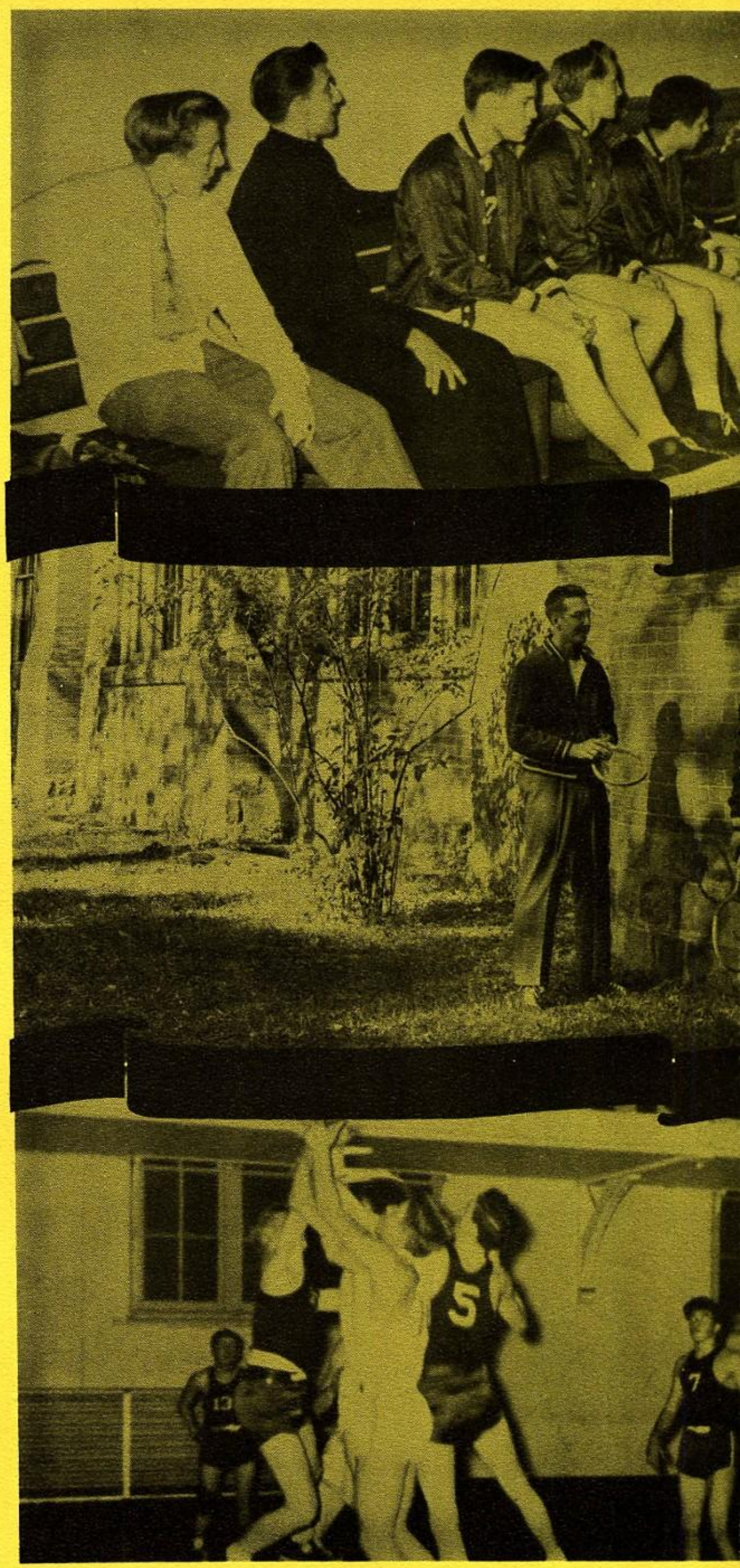


BOOK SIX

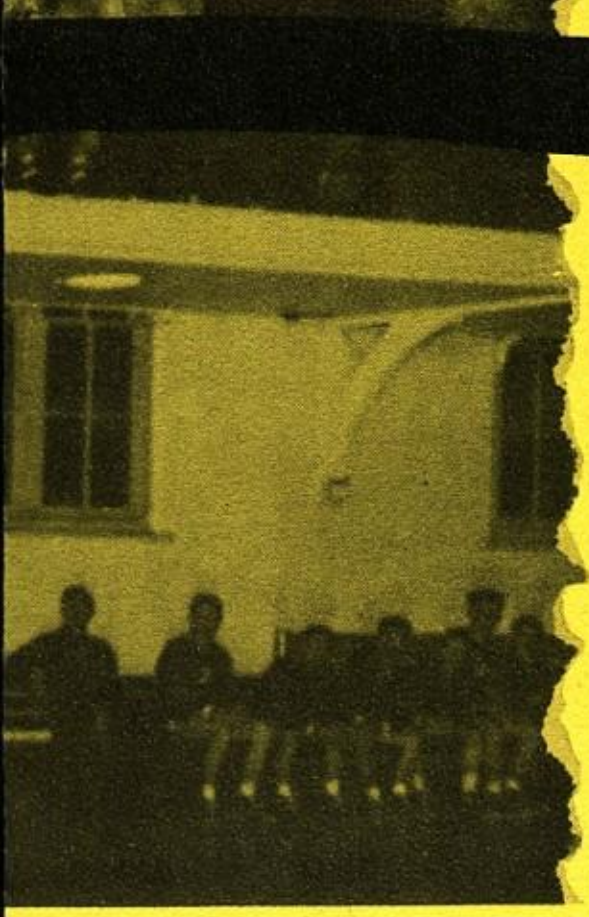
"KOŚCIÓŁ pełnem prawem popiera literaturę, naukę i sztukę o ile one są niezbędne lub pożyteczne do chrześcijańskiego wychowania a także do całej działalności Kościoła dla zbawienia dusz...

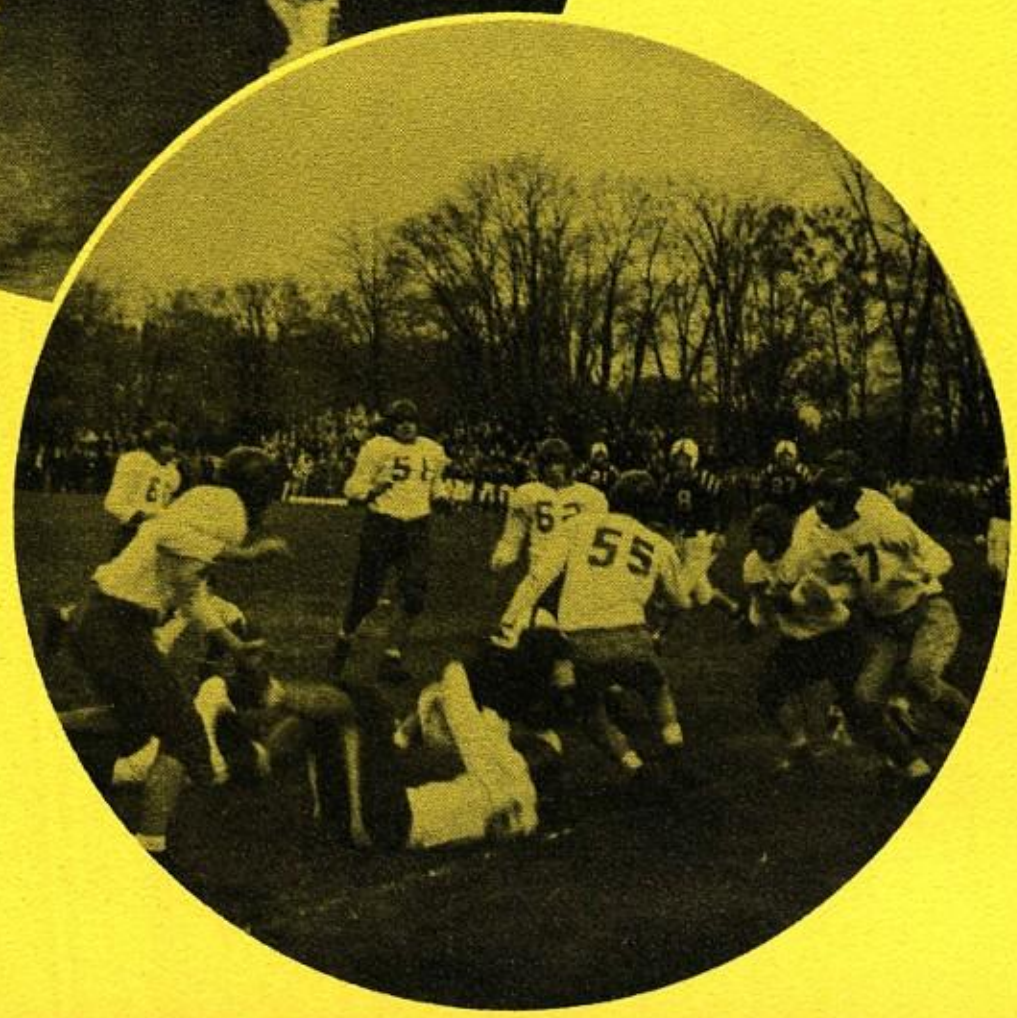
A nawet samo tak zwane wychowanie fizyczne, i jego nie należy uważać za obce macierzyńskiemu nauczaniu Kościoła, właśnie dlatego, że i ono jest środkiem, który może pomagać, albo szkodzić chrześcijańskiemu wychowaniu."

PAPIEŻ PIUS XI



Athletics



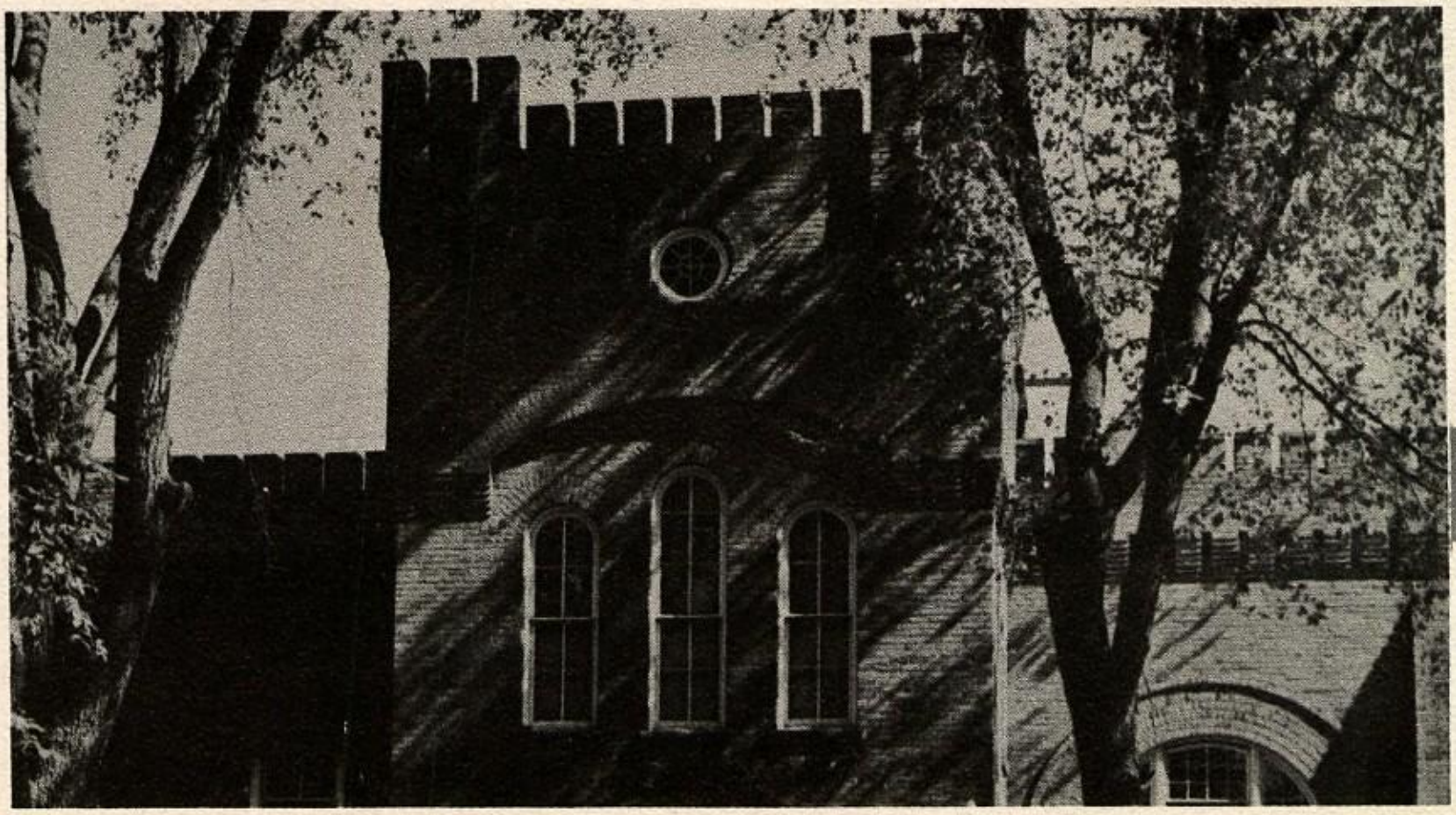


A well rounded program of varsity and intramural athletics plays an important part in the student life at St. Mary's. Varsity athletic teams include football, basketball, baseball and track. The intramural program calls for class games in touch football, basketball, baseball, tennis, ping pong, pool and track.

FATHER
EDWIN SZCZYGIEL
Head Coach and
Athletic Director

Father Szczygiel conferring with Stanley Krzysiak, student assistant.

Campus Gymnasium



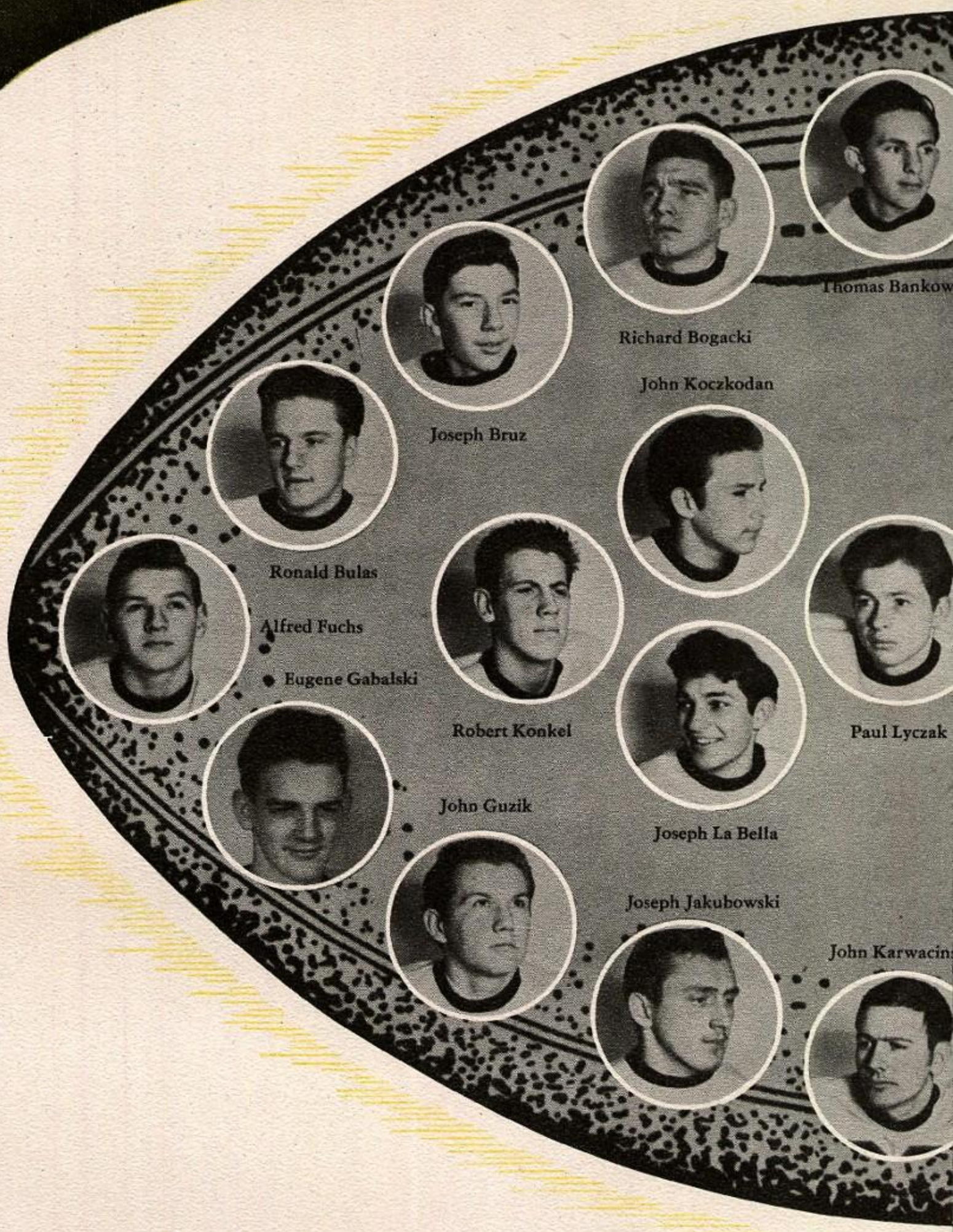
FACULTY ATHLETIC STAFF: *Left to Right*: Rev. Andrew Wotta, Rev. Edwin Szczygiel, Rev. Alexander Cendrowski.

STUDENT ATHLETIC STAFF: *Standing*: Lawrence Kolito, Leonard Fron; *Seated*: John Szymanski, Jerome Tychulski.

CHEERLEADERS: Leonard Paula and Gerald Wasielewski

950 ATHLETIC STAFF

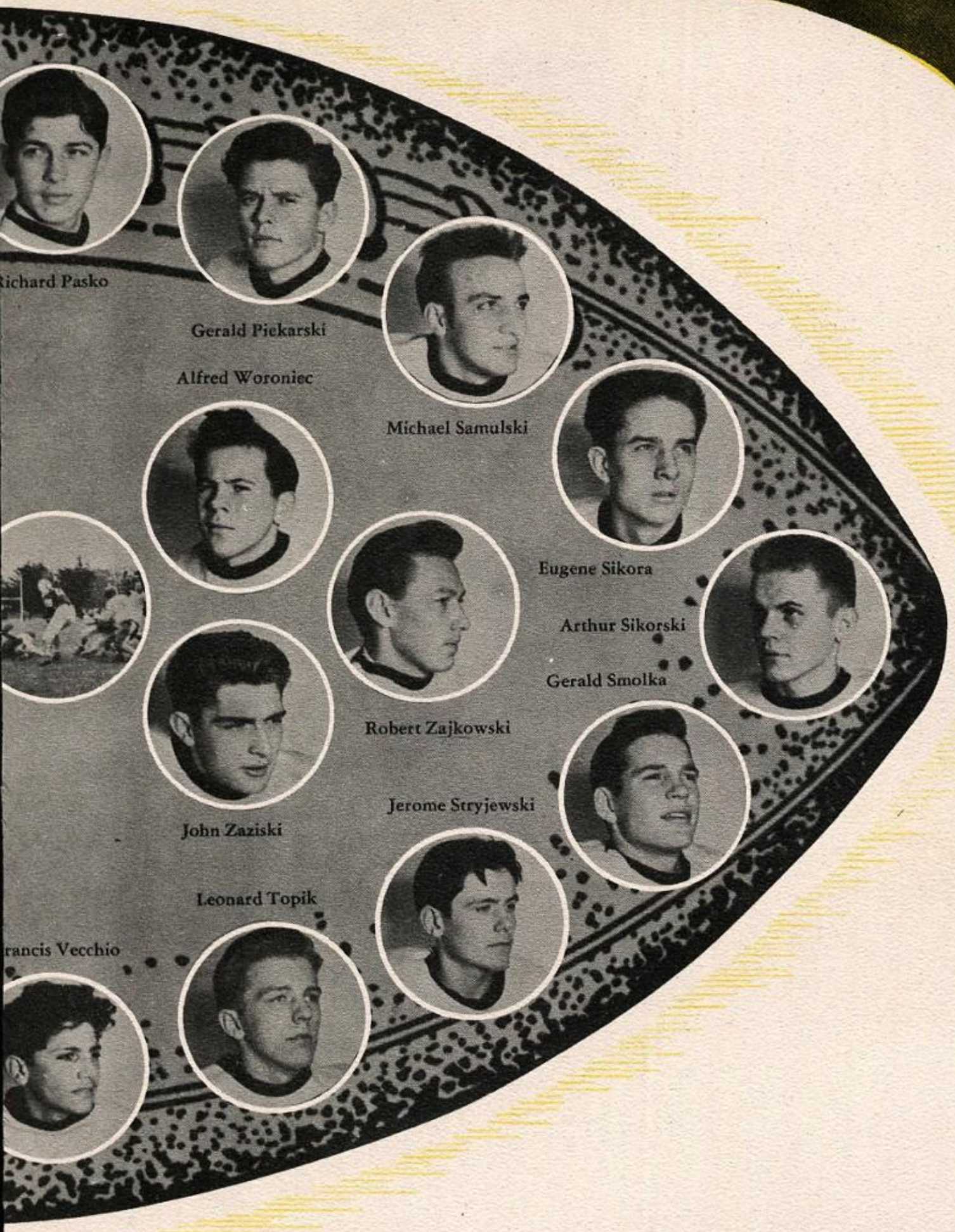
THOMAS KENNEDY
Football Coach



PREP VARSITY FOOTBALL

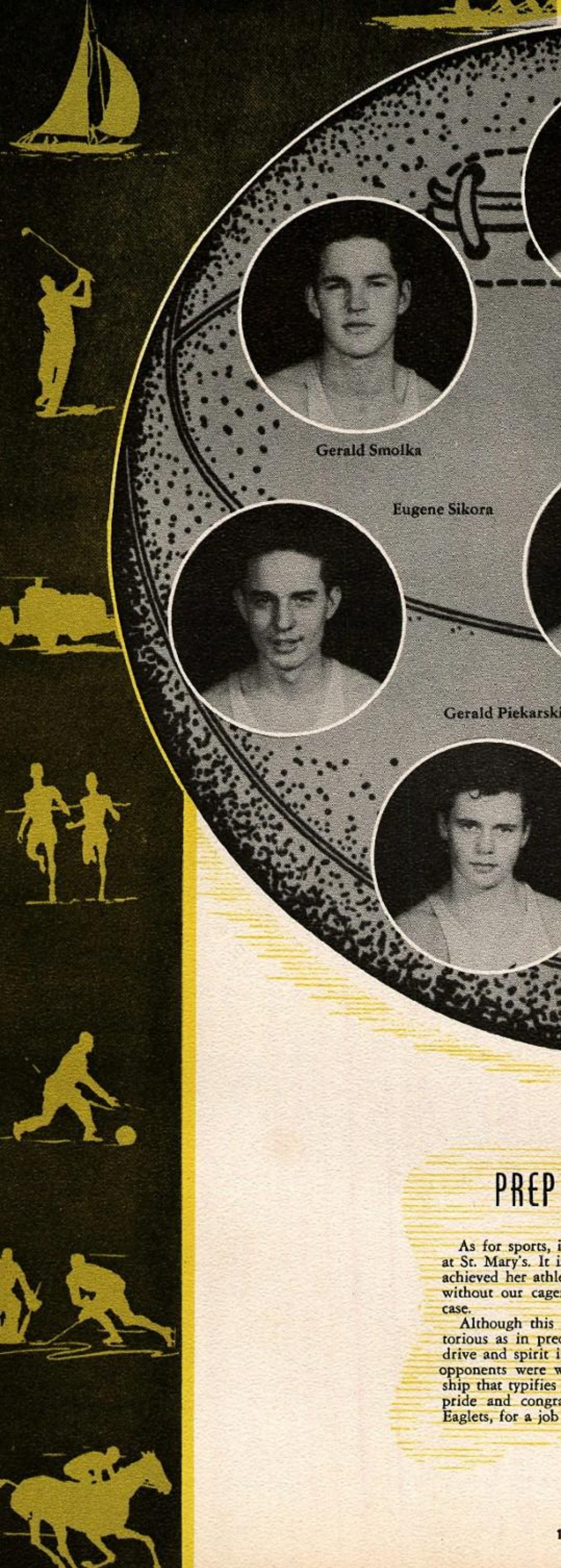
The Eaglets will undoubtedly long remember the many tense and thrilling moments of their 1949 games, as will the fans undoubtedly long remember the exciting moments they spent in cheering them on to victory. The green turf, the broad white yard lines, the goal posts and the cool brisk days of autumn will bring back many a memory of cherished and vivid gridiron scenes to the loyal supporters of St. Mary's fighting eleven.

Scarcely had they unpacked their trunks and arranged their rooms, when our boys were soon out on the field where ties of friendship are made and strengthened. Every afternoon beneath



the warm September sun they sweat and drilled with dogged determination to make this year's a great team. Coaches T. Kennedy and Father Szczygiel spared no time or effort in teaching the St. Mary's gridders the proper spirit of sportsmanship and the finer points of the game.

Competing in a league rated among the toughest and best in Detroit and vicinity, the Eagles encountered opponents who doubly surpassed the Red and White in both size and number. This only enkindled the fighting spirit and drive of St. Mary's eleven, who were always in there scrapping to the last whistle. Their quick opening plays from the "T," their dazzling passes, double lateral plays and hard blocking and tackling won the respect of all their opponents and fans as well. For this reason, we of St. Mary's, with gratitude and pride, congratulate and hail St. Mary's Football Team of "49."



PREP VARSITY BASKETBALL

As for sports, it's Basketball that captures the hearts of the lads at St. Mary's. It is predominantly on the court that St. Mary's has achieved her athletic glory. In fact hardly a season has ever passed without our cagers adding another cup to our well filled trophy case.

Although this past season found St. Mary's quintet not as victorious as in preceding years, the Eaglets have displayed a lot of drive and spirit in their hard-fought contests. In every game their opponents were well aware of the fighting spirit and sportsmanship that typifies our gallant basketeers. That's why we salute with pride and congratulate Coach Father Szczygiel and our mighty Eaglets, for a job well done!

PREP RESERVE BASKETBALL

The Reserve Athletes of today are our varsity men of tomorrow. With eagerness they practice daily, looking forward to the day they may join the ranks of St. Mary's Varsity. The floor-burns, the aches and pains, the constant drills by Coach Sack Krzysiak made a varsity monogram all the more a glorious and cherished achievement.

Observing their performances during the past season, we are quite confident that from these ranks will graduate athletes, who will carry on the gallant tradition as "Men of St. Mary's."

PREP VARSITY TRACK

Although track, as a competitive sport, is the youngest and most recent among St. Mary's athletic endeavors, the Eaglets are listed among the pioneers of track in the Catholic League and round out each season with a successful record.

As in the past the Eaglet thinclads hit the cinder trails in early spring under the reins of their new track coach, Father John Gabalski whose excellent mentorship assures and gives us confidence that the Eaglets will carry on St. Mary's glorious traditions in this sport of speed and endurance.

BOOK SEVEN

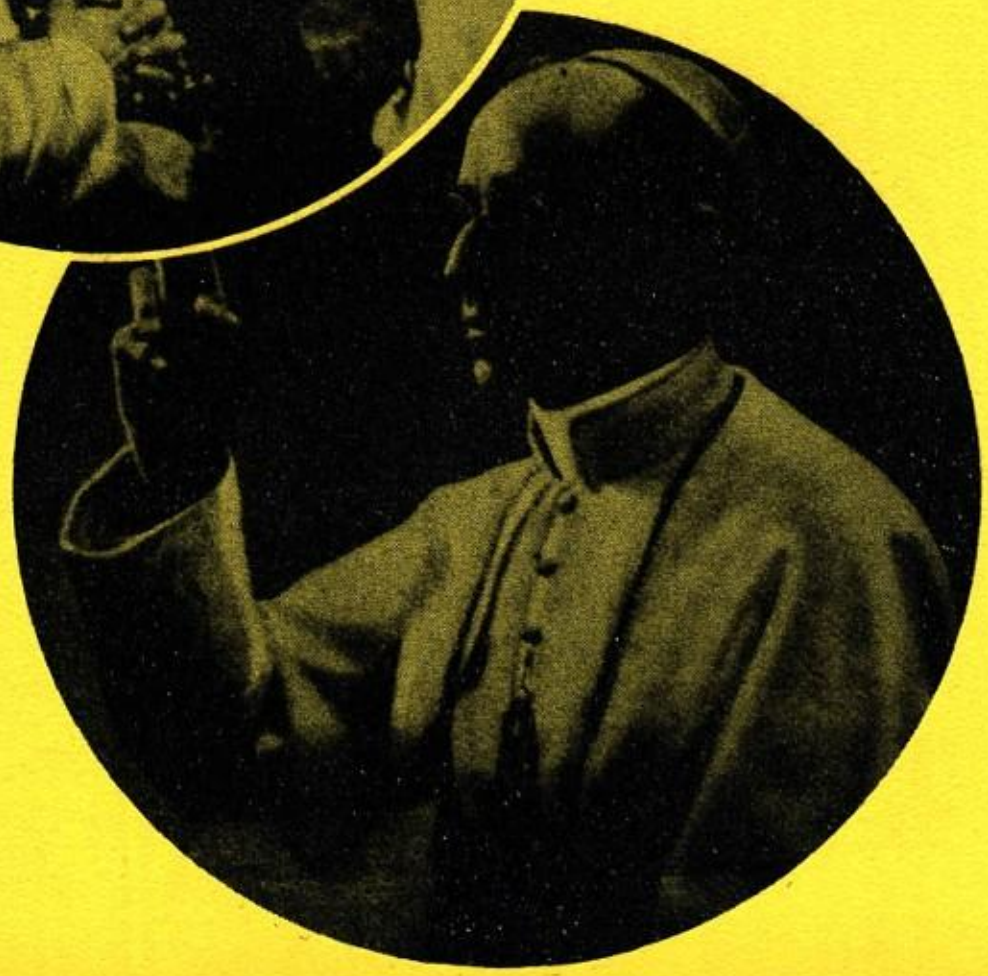
"WSZECHMOGĄCY i Wieczny Boże, który widzisz wszystko, przenikasz i kierujesz serca ludzkie, uczyń je czułymi—w tym czasie łaski i zbawienia—na głos Syna Twego.

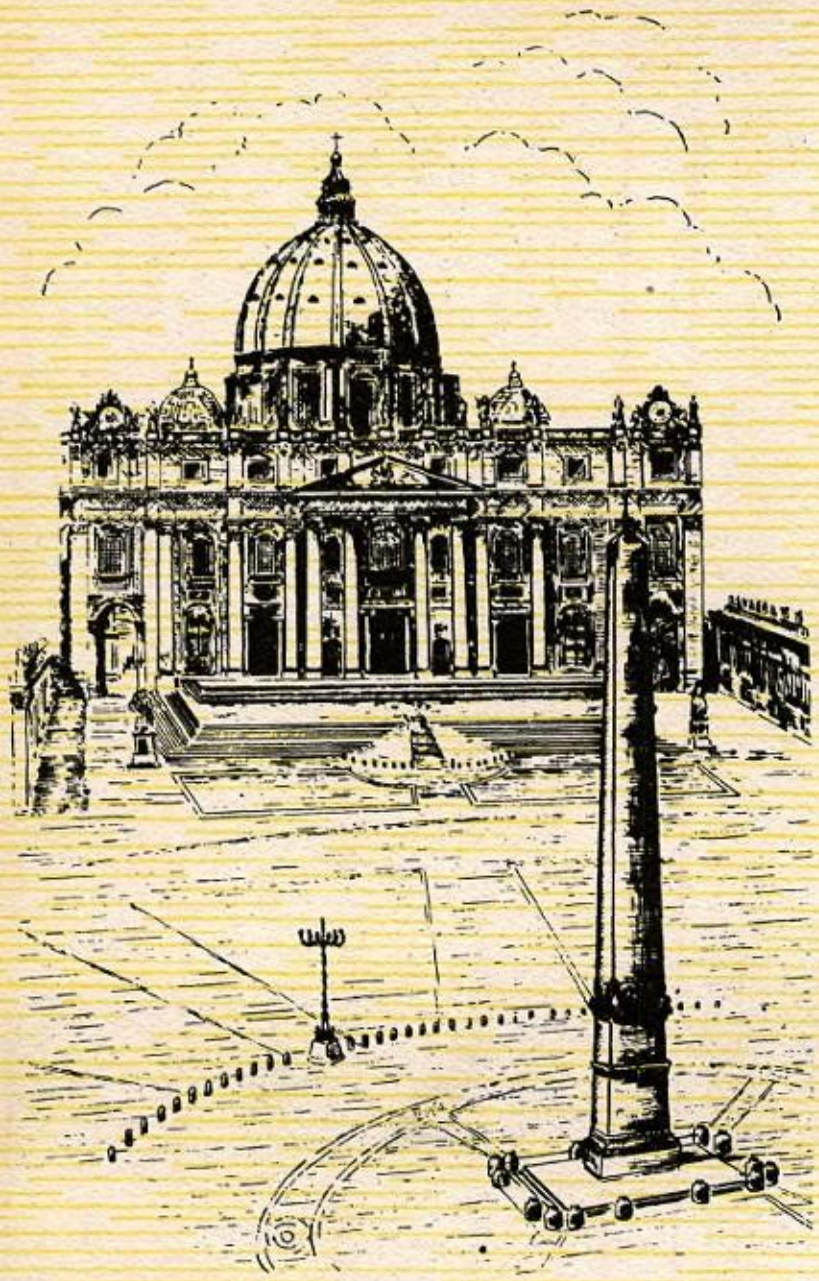
Spraw, aby Święty Rok stał się dla wszystkich rokiem oczyszczenia i uświęcenia, rokiem życia wewnętrznego i zadośćuczynienia, rokiem wielkiego nawrócenia i przebaczenia.

Daj, o Panie, pokój dniom naszym, pokój w sercach, pokój w rodzinach, pokój w naszej ojczyźnie, pokój między narodami."

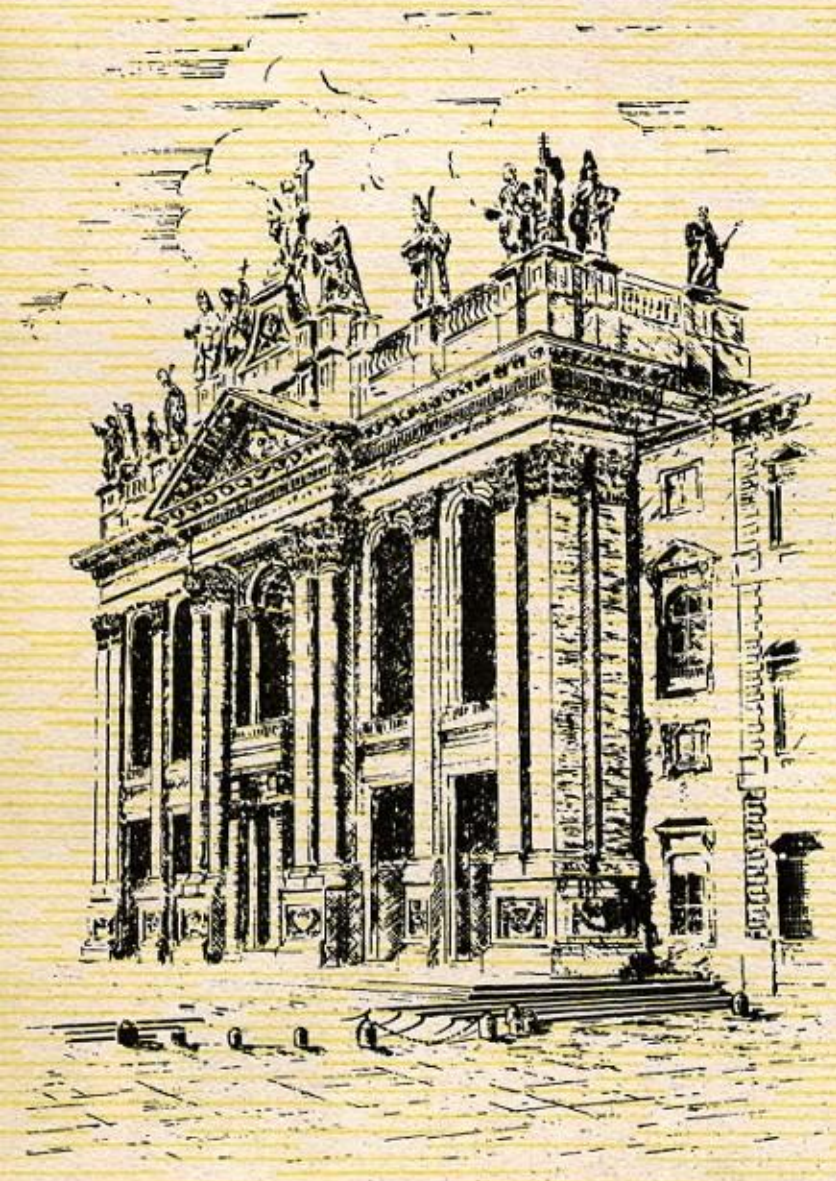
z Modlitwy na Rok Święty

Holy Year of 1950





St. Peter's Basilica



Basilica of St. John's

HOLY YEARS OF THE PAST

The first Holy Year, or Year of Jubilee, was proclaimed by Moses at God's bidding and celebrated by the Jewish people over 3,000 years ago. God ordered the celebration of this year shortly after the Jews settled in the Promised Land to prevent the undue enrichment of the wealthy and the unjust impoverishment of the poor. In substance, it was a year of economic and social reconstruction for the people. According to the Mosaic Law, every fiftieth year was to be celebrated as a Jubilee Year.

The beginning of this first Holy Year was announced by the blowing of a special trumpet, *jobel,* from which is derived the term "Jubilee." The Jewish Jubilees were not celebrated regularly, but their principal theme was kept alive through the centuries.

Christ adopted the Jubilee phraseology from Isaias when He spoke for the first time in the synagogue at Nazareth: "To preach deliverance to the captives, and sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of reward." The Christian Church has followed its Master, by taking all that was good in the custom and the ceremonial of the Jews, and, as it were, baptizing it, so that the Holy Year of the Christians is not one of material renovation and temporal remission, but rather a year of deep spiritual growth and eternal forgiveness.

In the thirteenth century, the Church was beset by many enemies. The Saracens threatened to extinguish the faith of Europe; France had fallen from grace and was persecuting the Church; corruption prevailed throughout ecclesiastical circles. In this emergency, the ruling pontiff, Boniface VIII, turned to God for aid. As the fourteenth century dawned, Pope Boniface instituted the "Jubilee." He first presented his plan at a meeting of the Cardinals, who praised the project. On February 22, 1300, Pope Boniface published the Bull *Antiquorum Habet* in which he granted and renewed certain "great remissions and indulgences for sins" to be obtained by visiting the Basilica of St. Peter and that of St. Paul. On the feast of the Chair of St. Peter in the Vatican Basilica before a large multitude of the faithful, the 193rd successor of St. Peter ascended the pulpit and promulgated the Jubilee to the people. This is the first declaration of a Holy Year of which there is an authentic record.

Pope Boniface instituted the Jubilee Year as a centennial celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. In order to obtain the indulgences bestowed by the Pontiff, the inhabitants of Rome were obliged to continue their pious visits to the appointed basilicas once a day for thirty days, while pilgrims from outside Rome had to make such visits once a day for fifteen days.

The publication of the Papal decree produced much religious excitement throughout Europe. An enormous multitude of the faithful hastened to the Eternal City. Cardinal Stepaneschi, an eyewitness, wrote that 100,000 pilgrims were continually in the Eternal City, while more than 2,000,000 came during the year.

In the middle of the fourteenth century, there were many—St. Bridget of Sweden and Petrarch the poet among others—who petitioned Pope Clement VI to shorten the interval from a hundred to fifty years. Clement assented, and by his decree of January 27, 1343, proclaimed the second Jubilee for the year 1359 and also provided that hereafter one should be declared every fifty years. Thus, conformity was established between the Judaic and the Christian Jubilee Year. On this occasion, daily visits to the church of St. John Lateran were added as a necessary condition for obtaining the indulgence.

In his proclamation of the Extraordinary Jubilee of 1390 to mark the return of the Pope from Avignon to Rome, Pope Urban VI made the visitation of the church of St. Mary Major obligatory. Visits to this church, and to the three churches mentioned above, have remained one of the primary conditions for gaining the indulgences of the Jubilee Year. Urban decreed that a Jubilee should be held every thirty-three years to commemorate the time Christ spent on earth. Accordingly, Pope Martin V proclaimed another Jubilee for the year 1423.

Pope Nicholas V reverted to the quinquagesimal period as established by Pope Clement VI and proclaimed the fifth Jubilee for the

year 1450. Because of the immense crowds of pilgrims, the Pope reduced the visitation of the basilicas first to five days, then to three, and finally to two days.

On April 19, 1470, Pope Paul II published a Bull, decreeing that the Jubilee was to be held every twenty-five years. This custom has continued to the present day.

The first to extend the Jubilee to the entire world was Pope Alexander VI. At the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of 1500 he sent delegates to various nations, proclaiming indulgences and substituting for the visits to the basilicas visits to local churches especially designated by the Papal Commisary or the local Ordinary. In 1500, the elaborate ceremonial was introduced with which the opening of the Jubilee has since been celebrated.

The celebration of the Jubilee has been uniformly maintained every twenty-five years from 1450 to the present time, excepting in the nineteenth century when political disturbances made it impossible. There was only one Jubilee held in the nineteenth century, that of 1825.

Besides the ordinary Jubilee celebrated at intervals of twenty-five years, some Popes celebrated Extraordinary Jubilees on special occasions; for instance, at their accession to the throne, during great calamities, upon the commemoration of some famous event of church history. The Jubilee of 1390 was the first Extraordinary Jubilee and marked the return of the Pope from Avignon. Pope Pius XI, besides declaring the regular Holy Year 1925, had the distinction of celebrating two other Holy Years: an Extraordinary Jubilee in 1929 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood, and again, on January 15, 1933, he proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee to commemorate the nineteenth centenary of the Death, Passion, and Resurrection of the Redeemer.

On the feast of the Ascension, May 26, 1949, Pope Pius XII published the Bull *Jubilaeum Maximum,* proclaiming the Holy Year of 1950. The publication of the Bull, a practice introduced by Pope Gregory XIII, brings a notable document which closely follows in form and content the historical pattern of earlier Bulls since the time of Boniface VIII. The latest Bull, a 1,300 word document, beautifully designed and illuminated on parchment, sets the period of the Jubilee from Christmas, 1949, to Christmas Eve, 1950. Thus, the Holy Year is not a calendar year; this is due to the fact that when Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Holy Year, Christmas Day was considered the first day of a new year.

When we celebrate the 1950 Holy Year, we join in an ancient historic pageant that goes back to the fourteenth century—and beyond, to the time of Moses—a great and beautiful procession from the past to the present.

Alexander Kulick

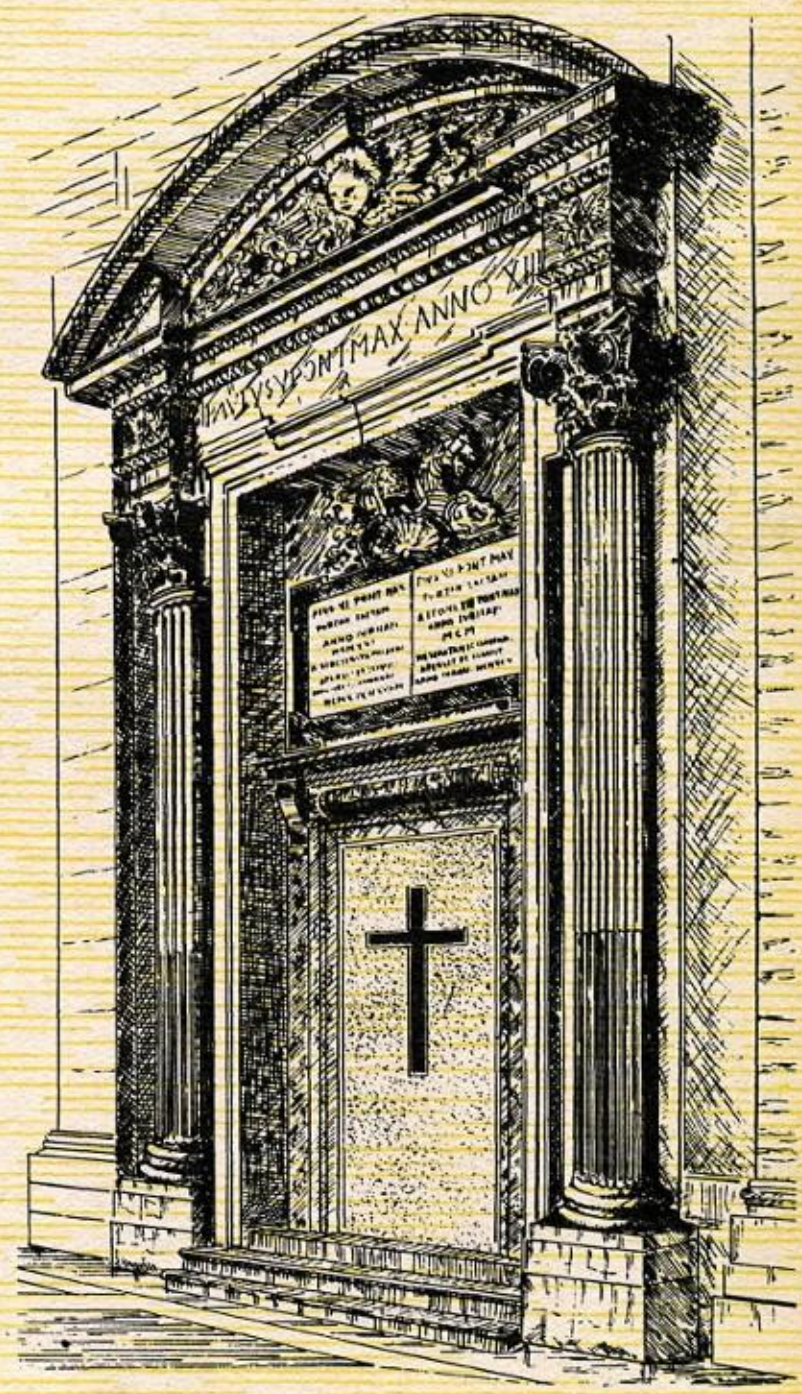
HOLY YEAR—1950

There is a door at St. Peter's—the most famous door in Christendom in 1950. On Christmas Eve, 1949, Pope Pius XII struck this door three times with his silver and ivory hammer, chanting the words of Holy Scripture, "Open the doors of justice to me. I will come into Thy house, O Lord. Open up the gates because the Lord is with us." The Holy Father knelt on the threshold momentarily and then passed through the opened Holy Door into the 613 foot long basilica of St. Peter, the largest church in the world, as the first pilgrim of the 1950 Holy Year —the twenty-fifth in the history of the Church.

On Christmas Eve, 1950, the Pope will take a silver trowel and seal a special tablet into the Holy Door and close it until the next Holy Year which will be celebrated in 1975.

Between these two key ceremonies there will be many others in the course of the year. On Easter Sunday, the greatest feast day of the Catholic Church commemorating Christ's glorious triumph over death, the Pope will celebrate a solemn pontifical Mass in St. Peter's. On April 16th and 27th and again on May 23rd the Pope will beatify holy men and women. On May 7th and on Ascension Thursday and again on May 20th the Pope will officiate at solemn canonizations. On June 2nd, the Holy Father will consecrate the new church of St. Eugene, his patron saint. In the month of the Sacred Heart, June, the Pontiff will take

St. Paul's Basilica



The Holy Door

part in the procession of Corpus Christi, and on the 11th and the 18th of the same month, he will preside at canonizations.

Thousands of Catholics from the whole world will visit Rome to take part in the ceremonies. Throngs will fill the famed Basilicas. Pilgrims will pray at the High Altar in St. Peter's where the body of the first Bishop and Pope lies. They will venerate the relics located in other basilicas. In the famed Basilica of St. John Lateran, the pilgrims will view the table on which the first sacrifice of the Mass was offered by the First Priest, Jesus Christ. They will also visit the catacombs and the tombs of saints and martyrs.

But sightseeing is not the main purpose of the Holy Year pilgrimages. They are not tours nor pleasure trips. Pope Pius XII warns against such a view and points out the true purpose of the Holy Year: "This pilgrimage, beloved children, must not be undertaken after the fashion of pleasure-seeking tourists, but in that spirit of earnest piety which moved the faithful of Christ of every class and country in past ages to overcome numerous obstacles and hardships of a journey sometimes made on foot to Rome in order to wash away their sins by the tears of penance and implore pardon and peace from God."

On May 26, 1949, Pope Pius XII issued the Bull, *Jubilaeum Maximum*, inviting all nations to join in celebrating the Holy Year and summoning "all the faithful not only to expiate their faults and amend their lives but also to lead them to acquire virtue and holiness according to the words of the Holy Scripture, 'Sanctify yourselves and be ye holy, because I am the Lord your God'."

The three main purposes of the Holy Year may be summed up in the words: Prayer, Penance, Peace. During this year of great return and pardon, Christians have a unique opportunity to lift their hearts to God and beg Him for forgiveness of sins. Nations downtrodden by Communism, torn by political strife, threatened by famine, need the prayers of all Christians. It is the hope of the Holy Father "that everywhere . . . the tranquility of order, founded on a just settlement, may be restored as soon as possible; that the various social classes, with hatred banished and differences settled, may be united together in justice and fraternal agreement; and that finally the great number of those in want may be given work to earn an honest living and may receive necessary and opportune aid from those who are in better circumstances." Only by Prayer, Penance and Peace can the success of the Holy Year be achieved.

Pilgrims who make the visit to Rome in the spirit of the Holy Year will gain indulgences. An indulgence is the remission of all or part of the temporal punishment due to sins already pardoned by the Sacrament of Penance. The Sacrament of Penance forgives sins and the eternal punishment due to them, but it does not remit the temporal punishment due to sin. This temporal punishment due to sin must be atoned for in some way either in this world by works of penance and charity or in the next world in purgatory. Indulgences can be substituted for these ways of atoning for the temporal punishment.

An indulgence is granted on certain conditions and only by the authority of the church. The Pope as the Vicar of Christ on earth has the authority of granting indulgences. The Holy Pontiff has granted a full indulgence, that is, pardon of all the temporal punishment due to sin "during this year of expiation, to all the faithful who duly confess their sins in the Sacrament of Penance, who receive Holy Communion and visit on that day, or on different days and in the order of their choice, the Basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Peter's in the Vatican, St. Paul's on the Ostian Way and St. Mary Major's on the Esquiline, and recite in each Basilica thrice the 'Our Father,' 'Hail Mary' and the 'Glory be to the Father' for our intentions and in addition the Creed."

Pilgrims will have an unusual opportunity to be reunited with God. During the Holy Year, they will be able to focus their attention on the spiritual side of life. Through the merits of Christ, they will benefit by the numerous indulgences, drawn from the Church's spiritual treasury.

The Catholic Church includes the Church Militant on earth, the Church Triumphant in heaven, and the Church Suffering in purgatory. We are members of the Church Militant. It is our duty during the Holy Year to do everything to help the Church Suffering. The Holy Year gives us unusual opportunities for gaining indulgences which can be offered for the members of the Church Suffering, the souls in purgatory. By doing this, we can join the Church Triumphant in Heaven in

rejoicing over their release.

The crusaders of centuries ago set out for the Holy Land to free and defend it from the Moslems. Christians in 1950 can become modern crusaders by pilgrimaging to the Holy City to restore the peace of Christ throughout the world.

Chester S. Frysiak

THE POPES AND THE UNITED STATES

When on the twelfth of October 1492, Christopher Columbus reached San Salvador Island in the Bahamas 400 miles east of Florida, the See of Peter was held by its 216th occupant, Pope Alexander VI. Seven months later, in 1493, Alexander signed three documents which conferred on Spain all the islands and the lands of the new world discovered by Columbus. A month later on June 25, 1493, the Pope issued a Bull by which he appointed Father Bernard Boyl first Bishop of the new world, introducing the church officially into the Americas.

In the next 290 years, thirty-six Popes followed Alexander VI in the long line of successors of St. Peter. During these 290 years, the new world discovered by Columbus was explored, settled and developed by Europeans. One area particularly grew more quickly than others. It was the United States which developed from thirteen small British colonies founded in the early seventeenth century into an independent republic in 1783.

At the close of the War of Independence, the number of Catholics in the new Republic was about 22,000 scattered mainly throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania. The first direct relations between the Holy See and the English Catholic Church in the United States occurred in 1784 with the appointment of Father John Carroll as Prefect-Apostolic by Pope Pius VI, the 252nd successor of St. Peter. The same year, on June 16, Pope Pius VI issued a special letter to the Catholics in the United States extending to them the privileges of the Holy Year of 1775, in which American Catholics had been unable to participate owing to the outbreak of the War of Independence. On November 6, 1789, Pope Pius VI issued a brief, *Ex hac apostolicae,* creating the first Episcopal See in the United States—Baltimore—and appointing the first Bishop in the United States—Father John Carroll. This is the first and most precious papal document in the possession of the church in the United States. It marks the formal establishment of the American hierarchy.

When the United States acquired the Louisiana Territory and the two Floridas, Pope Pius VII on January 29, 1791, made the new territories a part of the diocese of Baltimore. As years went by, the work in this vast diocese became too large for one Bishop. So in 1799 Pius VII established four new dioceses—Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown. The four sees were made suffragan to the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

On November 8, 1823, Pope Leo XII decreed the establishment of the provinces of Michigan and the Northwest as a separate diocese with the Episcopal See in Detroit. But the brief of March 20, 1827, erecting the See of Detroit for some unaccountable reason never left Rome. The See of Detroit was finally created on March 8, 1833.

In 1840 Pope Gregory XVI condemned those who unjustly molested Indians and Negroes and despoiled and enslaved them. During the Pontificate of Pope Gregory new sees were formed at Indiana, Natchez, Dubuque, Nashville, California, Texas, Pittsburgh, Hartford, Milwaukee, Chicago and Little Rock.

The work of forming new dioceses was continued by Pope Pius IX, who created sees at Oregon, Buffalo, Albany and Cleveland. Pius IX also confirmed the choice of Mary Immaculate as the Patroness of the United States. In 1850 Pope Pius IX acceded to the American request for holding a national Council and appointed Archbishop Francis P. Kenrick to preside over this First Plenary Council in the United States. In his letter of August 9, 1855, Pius IX urged the American Bishops to found an American College in Rome, which was erected on August 15, 1858. When in 1875 the question of Catholic education was discussed by the American Bishops, the Holy Father urged the American Bishops to establish parochial schools, when various other plans were proposed.

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the American College, Pope

Leo XIII raised it to the dignity of a pontifical institute in his Bull of October 25, 1884, *Ubi primum.* When the assembled Bishops at the Third Plenary Council of 1884 expressed the hope that a Catholic university be founded in America, Pope Leo XIII sanctioned the undertaking and by the Apostolic Letter *Magni nobis gaudii* of March 7, 1889, approved the university constitution and statutes, and empowered the university to grant degrees. So came into being the Catholic University in Washington, D. C.

The flow of immigrants into the United States after the Civil War was great. Pope Leo XIII saw the need of special work among various immigrant groups. In 1879 he authorized the erection of a special college and seminary for the training of priests for the Polish Catholics. In 1889 he urged Mother Cabrini to go to America and put her community at the service of the Italian immigrants. Another problem solved by Leo XIII was the question of a papal representative in the United States. Hitherto the Archbishop of Baltimore acted as the Pope's representative. In 1893 the Pope appointed Archbishop Satolli as Papal Legate with residence in Washington, D. C.

Pius X showed his regard for the church in the United States on several occasions. On March 11, 1906, he wrote an inspiring letter *Quum centum ante annos* to Cardinal Gibbons in commemoration of the centenary celebration of the erection of the mother diocese of the Church in the United States. In his letter *Sapienti Consilio* of June 29, 1908, Pius X released the American Bishops from the jurisdiction of the Sacred Congregation and put to an end the mission era of the Catholic Church in the United States.

After the first world war, Pope Pius XI gave the American Catholic Church new evidence of papal benevolence. During the Holy Year of 1925, the Pope decreed the solemn beatification of eight missionaries of the Society of Jesus, who in the middle of the seventeenth century were put to death by the Indians in Canada and northern New York. Five years later, on June 29, 1930, Pius XI canonized these North American martyrs, one of whom, St. Isaac Jogues, met his death in the northern part of New York state. In 1936, Pope Pius XI sent his Secretary of State, Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, to visit the United States. Pius XI once again honored the United States when he beatified Mother Cabrini in 1938.

In 1939 Cardinal Pacelli ascended the throne of Peter. Five months after his election, Pope Pius XII showed a great interest in the Negro and Indian missions in the United States. In his encyclical letter to America, *Sertum Laetitiae,* issued on November 1, 1939, Pius XII praised the American Catholics and called on them to continue their splendid Apostolic work. When President Roosevelt appointed Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Pope, Pius XII in his Christmas Eve speech of 1939 expressed his "joy" at Roosevelt's step, which, he said, was especially gratifying since it would bring valuable contributions not only to the efforts of peace but also to the victims of war. When ten years later Taylor resigned due to ill health, Pope Pius expressed his regret at the ending of a "mission which has proven so efficient and fruitful."

Perhaps the most outspoken token of recent papal regard for the Catholics in the United States came in July, 1946. In his first canonization after the second world war, Pope Pius XII raised to the altars of the church the foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, who has been called "the mother of Italian emigrants in the United States," and "the first American Saint."

The canonization marks a fitting close to this brief outline of papal relations with the United States—a record of which American Catholics are justly proud in this Holy Year of 1950.

Bernard J. Czechowicz

THE UNITED STATES AND THE POPES

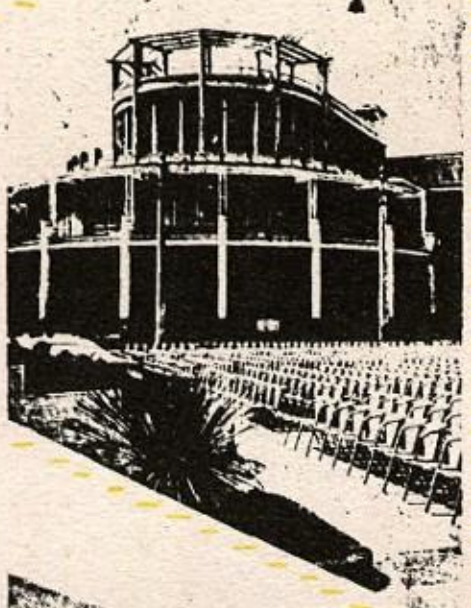
The two hundred and fifty-second successor of St. Peter sat on the papal chair when the United States emerged out of the War of Independence as a free and self-governing nation. His name was Pius VI and he ruled from 1775 to 1799. To him was addressed the first petition of American Catholics in 1783.

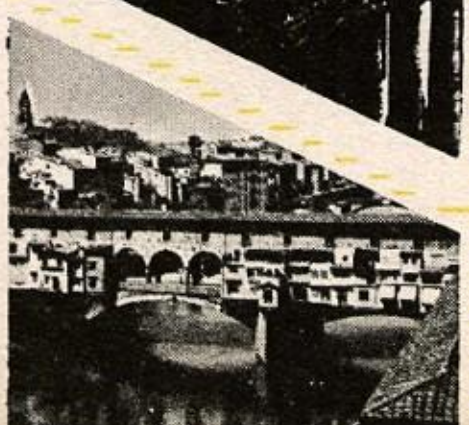
The petition was framed by a committee of five priests appointed by the first general Chapter of the American Catholic clergy held at Whitemarsh, Maryland, on November 6, 1783. The committee was composed of Fathers John Lewis, John Carroll, Bernard Diderich, Ignatius Matthews and James Walton, missionary priests residing, as they said, in the "Thirteen United States of North America." This petition stated that they were "placed under the recent supreme dominion of United America" and could no longer have recourse for spiritual jurisdiction to the Bishops and Vicar-Apostolics residing in foreign states (England), nor recognize any of them as their ecclesiastical superior without open offense to the American government. Therefore, they petitioned that the power of granting the necessary faculties to priests coming to America might be given to some priest who was a resident in the United States. Specifically, they asked of the Pope that Father John Lewis be formally constituted Superior of the Church in the new Republic, with certain episcopal privileges—administering the Sacrament of Confirmation, blessing chalices, and delegating priests for the missions. Acting upon this petition, Pius VI named Father John Carroll Prefect-Apostolic June 9, 1784. Thus the jurisdiction of the Vicar-Apostolic at London was brought to an end. In 1789 Father Carroll was named first Bishop of the United States.

The non-Catholic population of the United States in the eighteenth century did not share the Catholic attitude toward the Pope. So widespread was the antipapal sentiment that Washington in his general orders to the Army, November 15, 1775, forbade the observance of Pope's Day, a mock ceremonial like Guy Fawkes Day. An effigy of the Pope would be borne in procession and burned with riotous proceedings. These celebrations took place in New England, and the soldiers stationed there conceived the idea of enjoying a rough holiday by holding a Pope's Day of their own. General Washington's order said: "The Commander-in-Chief cannot help expressing his surprise that there should be officers and soldiers in this army so void of common sense as not to see the impropriety of such a step at this juncture; at a time when we are soliciting, and have really obtained, the friendship and alliance of the people of Canada, whom we ought to consider as brethren embarked in the same cause, the defense of the liberty of America. At this juncture and under such circumstances, to be insulting their religion, is so monstrous as not to be suffered or excused; indeed, instead of offering the most remote insult, it is our duty to address public thanks to these our brethren, as to them we are indebted for every late happy success over the common enemy in Canada."

In the nineteenth century, perhaps the most significant incident in American-Papal relations was the recognition of the papacy by the United States. Even before this recognition American consuls were stationed at Rome, Civita Vecchia, Ancona and other cities of the Papal States. The chief purpose of these consular agents was a commercial one, but so little exchange existed between the United States and the Papal States that the work involved in the office was almost negligible. In his annual message to Congress on December 7, 1847, President Polk announced that the United States Government was considering the opening of diplomatic relations with the court of Rome, and a bill was introduced to defray the necessary expenses of the office. The bill to establish the legation at Rome passed by a vote of 137 to 15 in the House of Representatives and by an equally large majority in the Senate. On April 1, 1848, Jacob L. Martin was appointed by President Polk as the first American Minister to the Papal States, then ruled by Pius IX.

The diplomatic relations thus begun lasted for twenty years. Martin lived scarcely a year, dying at Rome in 1848. His successor, Lewis Cass, Jr., served until 1858 and was singularly fortunate in his attitude toward the unstable Republic which Mazzini had succeeded in creating at Rome in 1848. Archbishop John Hughes' discourses at this time on the flight of the Pope to Gaeta were a warning to the American government that the sacrilegious invaders of the Eternal City did not merit recognition. Cass was succeeded in 1858 by John Porter Stockton. After the fall of Naples in 1860, Stockton asked for his recall, and Rufus King was appointed as his successor. There was much question at the time whether it would not be prudent for Pius IX to take refuge in the United States since a revolution had broken out in Rome. When the question was broached to King, the American Minister replied that the United States "was the home of civil and religious liberty as well





as a refuge of all who fled from political and other troubles in the Old World, and that His Holiness, should he see fit to go to the United States, would no doubt meet with a kind welcome and be left to pursue, unquestioned and unmolested, his great work as Head of the Catholic Church."

It was during the incumbency of Minister King that the Holy See was approached by the Confederacy, not exactly for recognition as a separate state, but as a sign that the Southern leaders fully appreciated the value of the sympathy of so great a liberal statesman as Pius IX. The American legation at the court of Pius IX lasted through the Civil War, but came to an official end in 1867, when Congress refused to appropriate the money necessary for its upkeep. Had an American Minister been resident in Rome in 1870 when the Italian army took the Eternal City, the question of the Pope's taking refuge in the United States might have been revived and Pius IX might have come to America.

In the twentieth century, the most important development in the relations between the United States and the Papacy was President Franklin D. Roosevelt's appointment of an Episcopalian, Myron C. Taylor, as his personal representative to Pope Pius XII. This appointment resulted from an exchange of letters between the President and the Pope. As Myron C. Taylor himself relates: "The President was convinced that a closer association in all parts of the free world between those in government and those in religion who shared common ideals was essential . . . To His Holiness in Rome, with whom personal exchanges of views were possible only through correspondence and a trusted intermediary, he suggested sending a personal representative." In the letter which President Roosevelt sent to Pius XII on December 23, 1939, he explained that he had named Taylor his personal envoy "in order that our parallel endeavors for peace and the alleviation of suffering may be assisted."

The many thousands of American Catholic pilgrims who will visit the Holy City and pay their respects to the Pope in this twenty-fifth Holy Year will carry with them the heartfelt sentiments of millions of their compatriots, mindful of the cordial relationship that has existed between the United States and the Papacy during the last 170 years.

Daniel Pokornowski

POLAND AND THE POPES

Poland, historically speaking, is only half as old as the Papacy. It appeared on the historical stage of Europe when the Papacy had already nearly one thousand years behind it. When the first historic ruler of Poland received baptism and opened the way for the introduction of Christianity among his people in 966, the Papal tiara reposed upon the head of Pope John XIII, the one hundred and thirty-third successor of Saint Peter.

In the one thousand years that have elapsed since that fateful moment, Poland's contacts with the Papacy have been constant and on certain occasions especially noteworthy. There are several such instances which are particularly worth recalling.

The first occurred in 966 when the Papacy was still far from exercising a dominant influence over the Holy Roman Empire. In 965, Mieszko, the ruler of still pagan Poland, married Dabrowka, a Christian daughter of a Czech prince. A year later, Mieszko received the sacrament of baptism, and afterwards placed his territory in the hands of the Holy See, making it a part of the heritage of Saint Peter and securing for Poland papal protection for all time.

The second instance of Polish-Papal relations took place when Poland supported the Papacy in its time of need. This happened during the investiture controversy between Pope Gregory VII and Emperor Henry IV. When Gregory VII ascended the papal throne, he initiated important reforms for the emancipation of the church from lay control. Under pain of excommunication, Pope Gregory VII forbade princes to bestow ecclesiastical offices upon members of the clergy. He also forbade the clergy to receive these investitures from the hands of laymen. When Henry IV ignored the Pope's orders, Gregory VII excommunicated him, precipitating a bitter and long struggle between the Papacy

and the Empire. During this important period when the strongest worldly power opposed the strongest spiritual force, Poland under King Boleslav the Bold sided with Pope Gregory VII. It was with the help of Poland, too, that Pope Gregory VII was able to place King Ladislav on the throne of Hungary.

Once again during the critical days of the fourteenth and fifteenth century, when the Great Western Schism rent the unity of Christendom in Europe as a result of rival claims to the papal throne—when European countries espoused and supported the cause of the anti-popes at Avignon or at Pisa, Poland stood loyally by the Pope of Rome. At the Council of Constance which finally healed the schism, the Polish Archbishop, Nicholas Traba, helped in the election of Pope Martin V.

When the Protestant Revolt broke out in the sixteenth century endangering both Papacy and Church, Poland once again strongly manifested its loyalty to the Vicar of Christ. When Pope Leo X issued the Bull *Exsurge Domine,* on June 15, 1520, condemning forty-one propositions in Luther's writings, King Sigismund I enforced this Bull and by the Edict of Torun prohibited the introduction of Luther's works into Poland. Sigismund also condemned Lutheranism by statute and demanded strict adherence to the Faith. He ordered the Bishops and Inquisitors to enforce his law. In 1534, the king forbade the nobles to send their sons to the University of Wittenberg, the very center of Lutheranism.

Poland continued to work hand in hand with the Holy See in the work of Catholic Reform. In 1561, a delegation was sent from Poland to take part in the deliberations of the Council of Trent. Sigismund II was among the first European monarchs to accept and enforce the Tridentine decrees in his realm.

Toward the end of the sixteenth century, the Polish clergy assisted the papacy in its efforts to unite the schismatic Ruthenians with the Catholic Church. Under the leadership of great churchmen, Cardinal Hosius and the Jesuits Skarga and Herbest, the ground was prepared for reuniting the schismatics with the Holy See. Pope Gregory XIII erected a seminary in Wilno and admitted both Ruthenian and Russian students into various Catholic colleges. In 1596, the Union of Brest brought many Ruthenians to recognize the Pope and to accept his authority as Vicar of Christ. Almost simultaneously with these efforts Poland used her influence to bring back to the Church many Armenian Christians, who recognized the authority of the Pope in the seventeenth century.

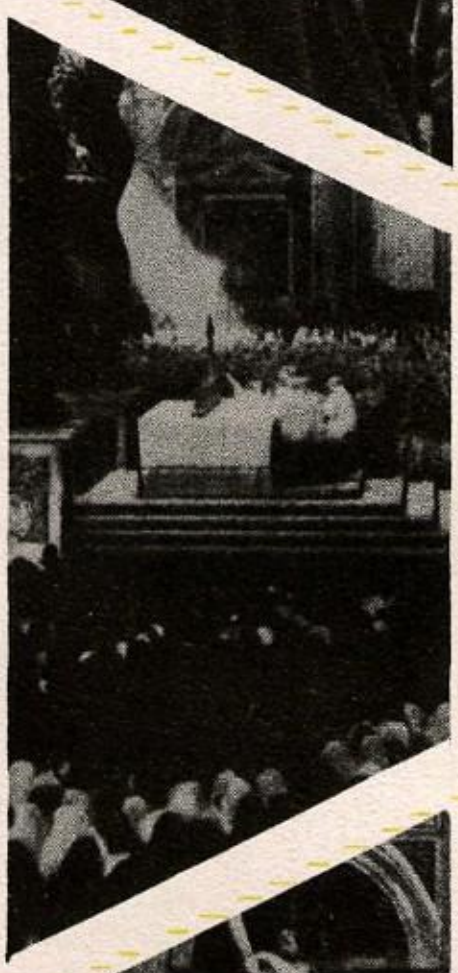
When Sweden attacked Poland in 1655, the royal crown rested upon the head of John Casimir. During the invasion, King John Casimir made his famous vows in the presence of the papal legate on the first day of April, 1656. He proclaimed the Blessed Mother Queen and Patroness of Poland. Pope Alexander VII regarded the victory of King John Casimir as a triumph of Catholicism over Protestantism, giving the Polish ruler the title *Rex orthodoxus.*

At the call of Pope Innocent XI, King John Sobieski led a Polish army to Vienna and in 1683 defeated the Turks who threatened European Christendom. For this great feat, the Pope headed a list of eminent people who thanked the Polish king personally for what he had done in behalf of the Christian nations of Europe.

The sixteenth century religious partition of the Church was duplicated politically in eighteenth century Poland by the triple partition of the Polish kingdom. Poland's great effort to stem the partitions failed, but it left another testimonial of loyalty to the Church in the May Constitution of 1791, which proclaimed Catholicism as the dominant religion of the realm. This loyalty was not shaken even in the darkest days of the partitions when Josephinism and Germanism in Austrian-held Poland, Germanism and Protestantism in Prussian-held areas, and Russification and Schism in Russian-controlled territories sought to destroy contacts between Poland and the Papacy.

Perhaps the most serious threat to Polish loyalty came in 1832, when, upon the tendentious and misleading protests of Russia following the November insurrection of 1830, Pope Gregory XVI issued an encyclical to the Polish hierarchy which was greeted with much opposition in certain Polish quarters. But even this matter was successfully smoothed out, though it left its influence in the writings of Mickiewicz and Slowacki.

Two outstanding champions of loyalty to the Church appeared in Prussian-held Poland when Archbishop Martin Dunin and Archbishop



Mieczyslaw Ledochowski resisted not only Germanization but also Protestantization fostered by the Prussian government and by Bismarck's *Kulturkampf*. Archbishop Ledochowski was subsequently made Cardinal and Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith which greatly expanded its activities under his direction.

After the resurrection of Poland in 1919, the centuries-old cordial relations between Poland and the Papacy were once again formally re-established. Poland's Constitution of March, 1921, declared in Article 14 that the Roman Catholic Church occupied in the State the chief position among other faiths with equal rights. In fulfillment of this constitutional article, a Concordat was negotiated between the Holy See and the Polish Republic. It was signed in Rome by Cardinal Gasparri representing Pope Pius XI and Vladislav Skrzynski and Stanislav Grabski representing the President of the Polish Republic, and ratified in Warsaw on May 30, 1925. This Concordat guaranteed complete freedom for the Church in the Polish State as well as in its relation with the Holy See.

Today alien influences seek to destroy this thousand year old relationship between Poland and the Papacy. But they shall not prevail, for Poland's loyalty to the Popes is as solid as the rock on which the Papacy rests.

Stanley Malinowski

THE POPES AND POLAND

Twenty-five Popes occupied the chair of Peter during the calamitous years of the tenth century which have been described by one church historian as "the darkest age of the church." One of these Popes, John XIII, who became Pope in 965 and ruled for seven years, won the lasting gratitude of the Poles through the centuries by extending the protection of the Holy See over the infant Christian kingdom, shielding it from Germanic expansion.

This was the first of many papal interventions on behalf of Poland in subsequent crises in the country's history. In the thirteenth century, when Vladislav the Short tried to reunite Poland, his efforts proved useless and instead he was three times driven from the country. In this crisis, he sought aid from the Vicar of Christ, Boniface VIII, and regained his throne through the assistance of the Pope. In 1331, King Vladislav began Poland's long struggle against the Teutonic Knights. In the conflicts which followed, Poland was morally assisted by several Popes, John XXII, Urban V, Boniface IX, and Gregory XII, until her victory at Grunwald in 1413.

Another Pope, Urban V, was responsible for the formal establishment of Poland's first institution of higher learning, the University of Krakow, founded in 1364 at the behest of Casimir the Great. Among its outstanding alumni were Kopernik and St. John Kanty.

In the sixteenth century, when Poland was threatened by Calvinism, Hussitism, and Lutheranism, Pope Pius IV made Bishop Stanislav Hosius a Cardinal and sent the Jesuits to Poland to defend the Catholic faith. Papal interest in the Polish Episcopate, which produced such outstanding reforming Bishops as Martin Kromer, Stanislav Karnkowski, John Solikowski, Bernard Maciejowski and George Radziwill enabled the country to avoid the pitfalls of Protestantism.

In the seventeenth century, Pope Clement X called on the Poles to forget domestic quarrels and unite themselves against the Turks. This message was a vital factor in the Polish victory over the Turks at Chocim. When the Sultan of Turkey tried to extend his rule over southeastern Europe, Pope Innocent XI begged King John Sobieski to come to Europe's assistance and help besieged Vienna. Sobieski heeded the Pope's call and helped save European Christendom by liberating the city.

When Poland's neighbors began meddling in Polish affairs in the eighteenth century, Pope Clement XIII called on the entire nation to stand firm in defense of the Catholic faith, contributing to the organization of the Confederation of Bar. When Russia began violently to meddle in Polish affairs, the Pope intervened by insisting on the inviolability of Poland's Catholicism and tried to persuade King Louis XV of France to come to Poland's assistance.

In the nineteenth century, Popes Gregory XVI and Pius IX in times

of Poland's distress requested public prayers for the Polish nation. In 1893, during the festivities of Pope Leo XIII's episcopal jubilee, 800 Poles made a pilgrimage to Rome. On this occasion, the Holy Father exclaimed: "It is a great joy to us to see you, sons of those generous men, who in the past did such great things for the defense of religion and so often merited the praise of our predecessors; they have so much the more right to glory in their ancestors, the more intrepidly they have preserved their faith and virtues, and especially respect and obedience for this Apostolic See, the centre of Christian unity." On March 29, 1894, Pope Leo XIII issued a special letter to the Poles, in which he praised the constant attachment of Poland to the Papacy.

After the first world war, Pope Pius XI concluded a concordat with Poland. The document was signed at Rome on February 10, 1925. Negotiations were facilitated by the fact that the Pontiff, Pius XI, had previously been Papal Nuncio at Warsaw. The Polish concordat contained two points of importance: first, that the names of Archbishops and Bishops to be appointed by the Holy See were to be submitted to the Polish President for approval; second, that Polish dioceses were to be entirely within the Polish frontiers. The Polish Seym ratified the concordat on March 27, 1925.

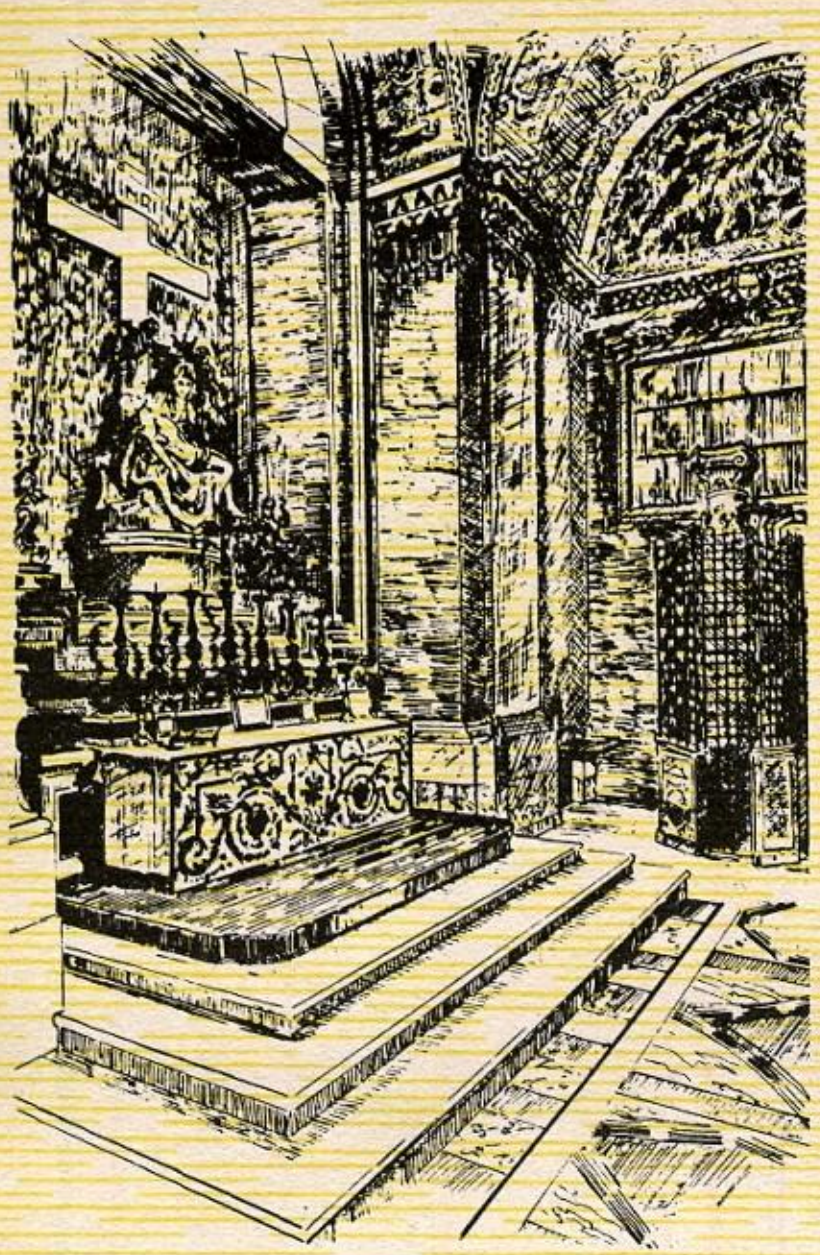
Shortly after the outbreak of the second world war, when the Polish people once more became the victims of unjust aggression, Pope Pius XII expressed sorrow at the massacre of so many innocent victims and invited all Christian nations to pray for Poland: "There is no need to assure you that our heart draws near in compassionate love to all your sons, and in particular to all who are in tribulation, to the oppressed, to the persecuted . . . . The blood of so many human beings—many of them non-combatants—calls for heart-rending tears for so beloved a land as Poland." The Pope's interest in Poland showed itself also in another incident which is important. This is the beatification process of three Poles: Maria Teresa Ledochowska, foundress of the Sodality of Saint Peter Claver; the Salesian Priest, Father August Czartoryski; and Mother Frances Siedliska, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. On November 12, 1940, the Sacred Congregation of Rites examined the writings of the Servant of God, Maria Teresa Ledochowska. On December 3 of the same year, the Sacred Congregation discussed the introduction of the process of beatification of Mother Maria Frances Siedliska. On March 11, 1941, it considered the introduction of the process of beatification of Father August Czartoryski, whose writings had been previously approved by the Congregation of Rites, on November 12, 1940. The causes of the three Poles, out of 800 under consideration by the Sacred Congregation of Rites, relate to persons who have died in our own generation. Normally, the introduction of such processes is delayed for at least fifty or a hundred years after death.

Viewed in the perspective of ten centuries, the central theme of the relationship between the Papacy and Poland seems to be that suggested by the beautiful legend of Sandomierz, as told by Zofja Kossak-Szczucka, Poland's greatest contemporary woman novelist. In the sixteenth century, King Sigismund the Old built a cathedral for the glory of God. When the edifice was completed, he sent a delegation to Pope Clement VII for a suitable relic. The Pope received the delegation graciously, but made one unusual request before acceding to the king's petition. Clement asked that a handful of Polish soil be brought to him from Sandomierz, where fifteen Polish monks had been martyred by the Tartars in the thirteenth century. The soil was brought and placed in the Pope's hands. Clement took the handful of Polish earth, prayed over it, and then closed his fingers firmly, lovingly over it. Slowly, drop by drop, to everyone's amazement, blood began to drip from the Pope's clenched hand. In the silence that filled the papal chamber, Clement said: "The blood you see is the blood of martyrs. The Polish king has no need to send far for holy relics. Let him dedicate his cathedral to the Holy Martyrs of Sandomierz and enshrine in it some of this soil with the martyrs' bones."

Thomas Szczerba

THE POPES AND ST. MARY'S

When the formal foundations of St. Mary's were laid in 1879, the



CHAPEL of PIETY

Basilica of St. Mary Major's

papal seat was occupied by the 256th successor of St. Peter, Pope Leo XIII. In that year, Father Leopold Bonaventure Maria Moczygemba O.M.C. submitted a petition to the Pope, in which he presented the need of the Poles in America for priests understanding their language and traditions, suggesting that the need could best be supplied by a native Polish American clergy trained in a seminary of its own. To erect this seminary, Father Moczygemba asked Pope Leo for permission and his blessing. On the 14th of January, 1879, from the Vatican came the papal answer written on the petition itself, "Annuimus in omnia" and signed by Pope Leo himself.

On August 1, 1894, Father Joseph Dabrowski, founder of the seminary, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. On this occasion Pope Leo XIII sent his paternal blessings to Father Dabrowski. During the latter part of the month, Bishop Foley, Ordinary of Detroit, returned from Rome and conveyed the special blessing of the Holy Father to Father Dabrowski and the seminary.

Another mark of papal interest in St. Mary's occurred after the seminary was moved from Detroit to Orchard Lake. On May 4, 1910, as announced by the Detroit *News Tribune* of April 24, 1910, the new seminary location was blessed by Monsignor Diomede Falconio, legate of Pope Pius X to the United States.

Further papal interest in St. Mary's was manifested in the summer of 1924. Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, present Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, visited the seminary in the company of Bishop Michael Gallagher, Ordinary of Detroit. Monsignor Michael Grupa, who was the rector at the time, received the papal legate's blessing for the institution.

In 1932, after a year's sojourn in Rome, Father Anthony Maksimik, present spiritual director of the seminary, left the Eternal City with the blessing of Pope Pius XI for the students of the seminary and college.

A unique distinction came to St. Mary's in 1938, when the Holy See bestowed the Knighthood of St. Gregory on Professor Romuald Piatkowski in recognition for his many years of teaching at the institution. Edward Cardinal Mooney, in the name of Pius XI, bestowed this honor on Professor Piatkowski. It is noteworthy that only three Poles in the entire United States received this singular honor before Professor Piatkowski.

Archbishop Amleto Cicognani, present Apostolic Delegate to the United States, visited St. Mary's in 1944 in the company of Edward Cardinal Mooney. In a short talk to the students and faculty, he urged them to preserve and cherish the Polish traditions. Upon leaving, he bestowed the papal blessing on the students and faculty.

Papal distinction has also been accorded to several other faculty members of St. Mary's by the Church. Three former rectors, Reverends Michael Grupa, Anthony Klowo and Ladislaus Krzyzosiak, were made Monsignori by Pope Pius XI; Reverend Alexander Syski, former spiritual director of the seminary, was also made a Monsignor by the same Pontiff. On the 16th of March, 1946, Pius XII raised Reverend Edward J. Szumal, the present Rector, to the rank of domestic prelate. The decree accompanying the announcement stated "To those distinguishing themselves in the work of the Holy Church is given the title of domestic prelate with which are included the honors, privileges and prerogatives connected with this dignity."

On two important scholarly occasions, Pope Pius XII imparted his paternal apostolic blessing upon undertakings fostered by St. Mary's. The first was the Polish Homiletic Convention, the first of its kind held in the United States, which met under the auspices of the seminary in Detroit, Michigan, April 22-23, 1941. The second occasion was the Polish Homiletic Convention held at Orchard Lake in August, 1949. A special telegram from the Vatican not only imparted papal blessing upon all participants but also "pledged divine enlightenment on all deliberations."

Such, in brief review, have been the services of the Popes to St. Mary's. In grateful appreciation for those numerous benefits, St. Mary's has, through the years, striven to give evidence of her loyalty to the Holy See.

On the occasion of the 80th birthday of Pope Pius XI, in a special celebration, *In Anniversario Octogesimo,* was held in the campus gymnasium. Father Constantine Cyran, Seminary Dean, was the master of ceremonies, while the guest speaker was Bishop L. Shvoy of Budapest,

Hungary.

In 1936, Monsignor Alexander Syski, spiritual director of the seminary, published a book in Polish entitled "Vocation to the Priesthood." This book was based on Pius XI's encyclical on *The Catholic Priesthood*. Monsignor Syski sent a copy of the book to the Pope. Through his secretary, Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Pius XI sent a reply from the Vatican, expressing his pleasure at Monsignor Syski's work and conferring a special blessing on the author and all readers of the book. Cardinal Pacelli, later Pius XII, likewise expressed his heartfelt thanks for the book, a copy of which was also presented to him.

Upon the death of Pius XI, a ten day period of mourning was decreed by the Rector, Monsignor L. Krzyzosiak. A Solemn High Requiem Mass for the repose of the Pontiff's soul was celebrated on Saturday, February 11, 1939. Monsignor Krzyzosiak was the celebrant, Father Joseph Rybinski, Vice-Rector, was the deacon and Father John Buszek, college dean of men was subdeacon. On February 20, another mass for Pius XI was celebrated, with Monsignor Krzyzosiak as celebrant, Father Rybinski, as deacon, and Father Andrew Wotta as subdeacon. Memorial services were also held in the gymnasium on March 2. Father Stanislaus Grabowski, presently on the theological faculty of the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., was the master of ceremonies. The program included a violin recital by Chester Bednarczyk, a poem written by Monsignor Alexander Syski and recited by subdeacon Wenceslaus Filipowicz, a declamation by Walter Regula, a high school student, a speech by Monsignor Syski and concluding remarks by the Rector, Monsignor Krzyzosiak. The *Eagle of* '39 featured an article on Pius XI, reviewing the events of his 17 year reign. The yearbook also carried an article on the successor of Pius XI, the former Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, who ascended the papal throne as Pius XII.

In 1949, when Pope Pius XII celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his priesthood, the tenth anniversary of his pontificate, and the twentieth anniversary of his Cardinalate, the Rector, Monsignor E. Szumal, sent a telegram of congratulations to Rome on behalf of the faculty and students. A few weeks later, on May 13, a telegram arrived from Rome, signed by the Secretary of the Vatican State, Monsignor Montini. It carried Pope Pius XII's answer and read: "Augustus Pontifex precibus votisque obsequii plenis grate affectus amanter benedicit." The students of St. Mary's commemorated the triple anniversary of His Holiness at their annual Papal Day celebration in the campus gymnasium. The program featured excerpts from Siekiewicz's *"Quo Vadis"* describing the death of St. Peter, the first Pope, Ravenello's *"Tu es Petrus"* sung by the Schola Cantorum, a declamation *"Papacy Throughout the Ages"* and a description of a typical day in the life of a Pope.

To commemorate the Holy Year of 1950, the traditional "Pope's Day" program, with emphasis on the Holy Year, was arranged on February 23, 1950. The day began with a Solemn High Mass, the celebrant of which was the Rector, Monsignor Szumal, assisted by Deacons Anthony Kramarz and Henry Krysinski. The program in the campus gymnasium included short addresses, delivered by the following students from the High School, College and Seminary departments: Richard Ray, George Klimas, Joseph Michon and Edward Lazowski. Two appropriate choral numbers were rendered by the Schola Cantorum under the direction of Father Henry Waraksa. The High School Senior Band supplied music for the occasion. The program was sponsored by the united Sodalities of the Seminary, College and High School, and was directed by Reverends Anthony Maksimik and Joseph Swastek.

Besides this celebration, the music department gave special recognition to Pope Pius XII and the Holy Year by including in its Annual Spring Concert, the *Papal March* and songs of tribute to the Pope. The concert was held on April 29, 1950, and was under the direction of Reverend Henry Waraksa.

Deeply appreciative of this long standing relation between the Papacy and St. Mary's, the Graduates of 1950, on the occasion of this Holy Year of Jubilee, dedicate their 1950 Yearbook to Pope Pius XII as a sincere expression of their loyalty to the Holy See.

Chester C. Genecki
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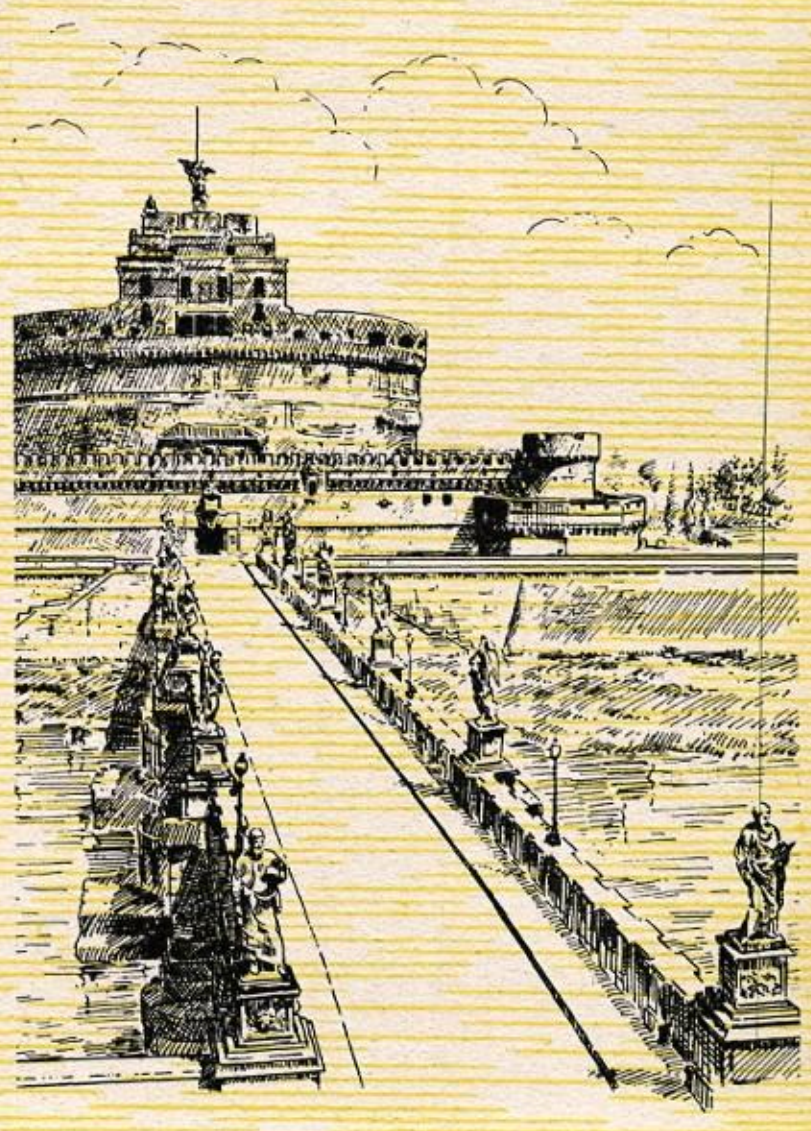
SIXTINE CHAPEL
(The Prophet Zachary)



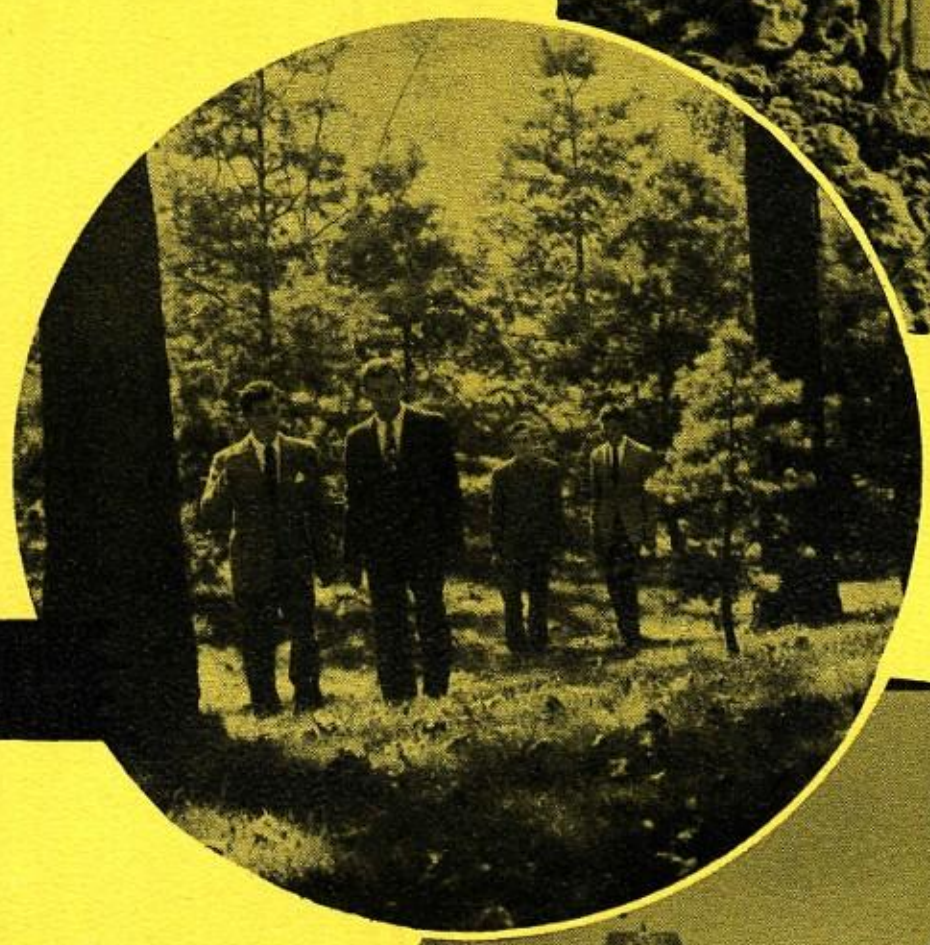
Saint Angel's Bridge

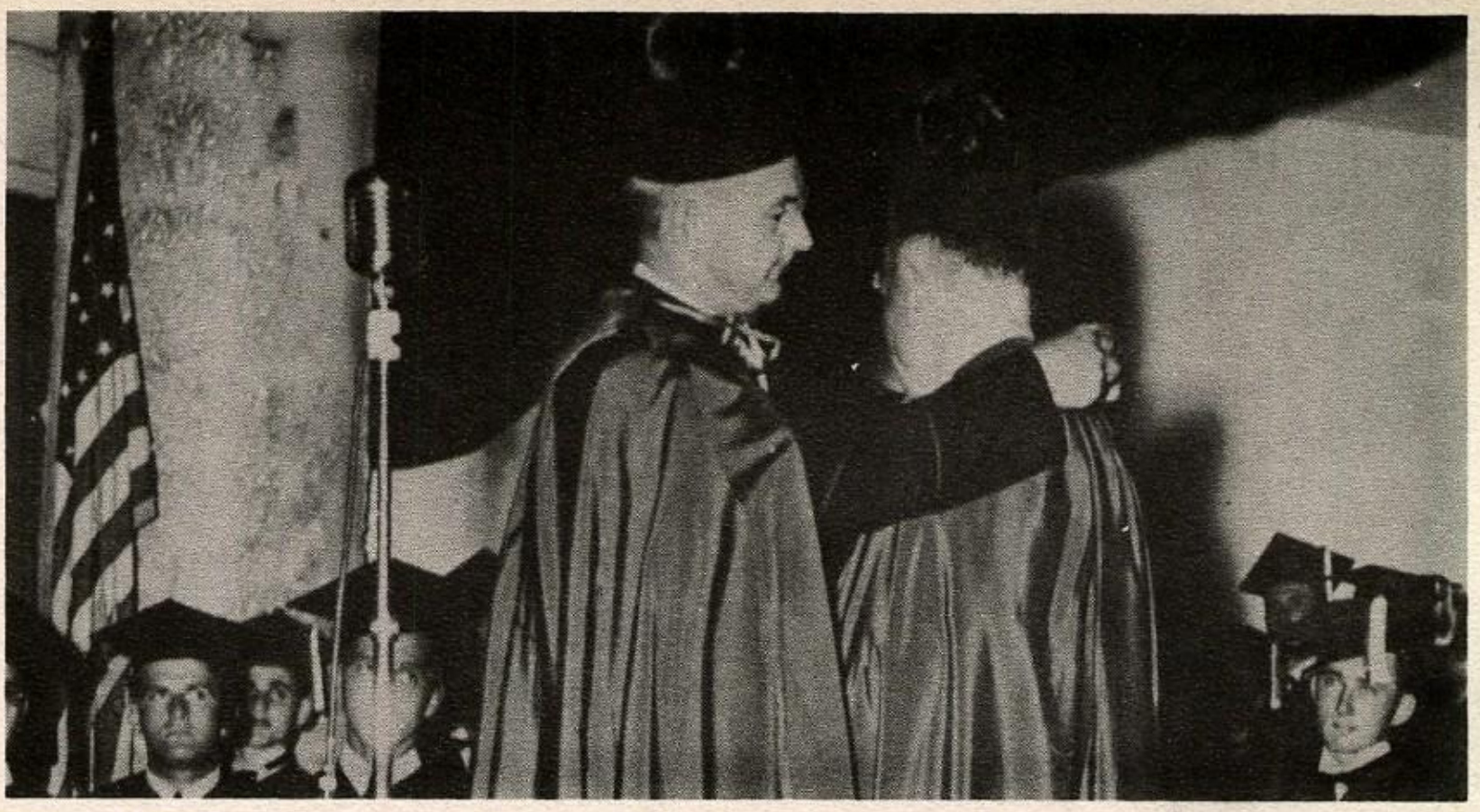
BOOK EIGHT

"ŚRODOWISKO wychowawcze Kościoła obejmuje nietylko jego sakramenta, jego obrzędy i liturgię, lecz także wielką ilość i róznorodność szkół, stowarzyszeń i wszelkiego rodzaju instytucji, zmierzających do wyrobienia młodzieży w religijnej pobożności przy studium literackim i naukowym i przez samą nawet zabawę i kulturę fizyczną. Kościół i rodzina razem tworzą jedną świątynię chrześcijańskiego wychowania."

PAPIEŻ PIUS XI

Pictorial review





FIRST AWARDING OF THE "FIDELITAS MEDAL": Rt. Rev. Edward J. Szumal, Rector, bestowing "the highest honor which a Catholic of Polish descent can receive in the United States" on Rt. Rev. Adalbert Zadala, who received the honor by proxy for Rt. Rev. Lucian Bojnowski of New Britain, Connecticut. The presentation took place at the Commencement Exercises which were held on June 12, 1949.

ACTIVITIES OF THE A

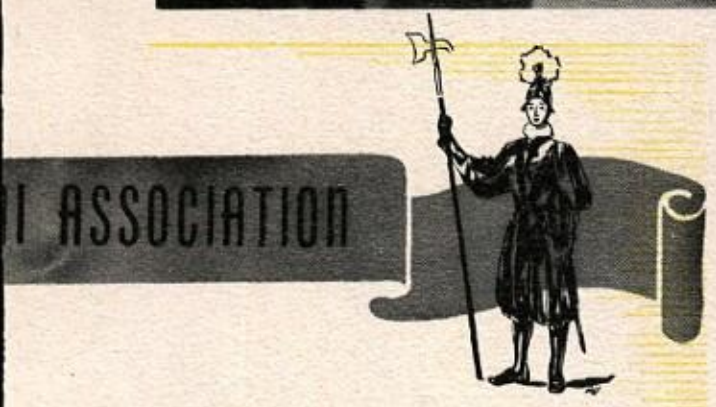
JOHN W. SMITH
OLD TIMERS' CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Thomas Wysocki, President, presenting Rt. Rev. Edward J. Szumal with a check for $450.00, representing the Club's annual contribution toward a scholarship which benefits a student at St. Mary's, with John L. Wysocki, President of the Alumni Association, looking on.

ANNUAL ALUMNI
FRIENDSHIP PARTY

On October fifth the Detroit Chapter of the Alumni Association staged its annual Friendship Party in the Knights of Columbus Building in Hamtramck, Michigan. Originated by Frank Schemanske, the affair is proving to become one of the outstanding social events of the year at which civic and social leaders plus members from all the professional fields attend.

ALUMNI'S GIFT TO ALMA MATER
Msgr. Edward J. Szumal is being presented with a check for $32,299.45 by Mr. John Wysocki, National President and Father Boleslaus Milinkiewicz, National Treasurer. The check represents gains realized by the Second Annual Raffle staged by the alumni on a national scale. *Seated from the left*: Father John Rozak, Financial Secretary, Father Francis Zdrodowski, Recording Secretary, Father Peter Walkowiak, Director, Father Anthony Szymanowski, "Alumnus" Editor. *Standing from the left*: Father Edward Miotke, Director, Father Ladislaus Krych, Director, Father Anthony Kolanczyk, Director, Father Milinkiewicz, Mr. John Wysocki, Msgr. Adalbert Zadala, Director, Msgr. Szumal, Father Valerian Karcz, Director, Father Andrew Lekarczyk, Ph.D., Director, Mr. Peter Paciorek, President of the Detroit Chapter.



SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI RAFFLE
Miss Sandra Domino of Wyandotte, Michigan, was the holder of the lucky ticket which won the 1950 Packard Eight. On the photo we see Mr. John Wysocki handing Miss Domino the keys to the new car, with Mr. "Babe" Krajenke looking on.

THIRD NATIONAL HOMILETIC CONVENTION: On August 23 and 24, 1949, SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary was host to a group of more than a hundred Polish-speaking clergy who attended the Third National Convention of the Skarga Homiletic Association. Bishop Ignatius Krause from China and Bishop Stephen Woznicki of Detroit graced the occasion with their presence. The success of the meeting was largely due to the untiring efforts of Rev. Vincent Stancelewski, President of the association.

CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: *Standing*: B. Kapsa, President of Chapter IV; M. Herman, President of Chapter II; A. Godlewska, Treasurer of the Central Office; C. Jagodzinska, President of Chapter III; Z. Stryjak, Past President of Chapter I. *Seated*: M. Stachowska, Financial Secretary of the Central Office; F. Baranska, Second Vice-President; A. Olechowska, President; A. Niemiec, Vice-President; R. Kalicka, Recording Secretary.

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CHAPTER FIVE OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Rev. J. Wroblewski, Chaplain; F. Ogniewska, President; V. Zastempowska, Vice-President; A. Klopp, Financial Secretary; R. Biedron, Recording Secretary; S. Daruszka, Treasurer. Directresses: G. Burakowska, E. Strasynska, B. Meloch, R. Krawczyk, M. Stachowiak, B. Gabalska, K. Rutecka, T. Grabowska.

ORDINATIONS AT ORCHARD LAKE: The Most Reverend Stephen S. Woznicki reciting the Litany to All Saints, as the Ordinandi lay prostrate before promotion to the Holy Order of Subdeaconate.

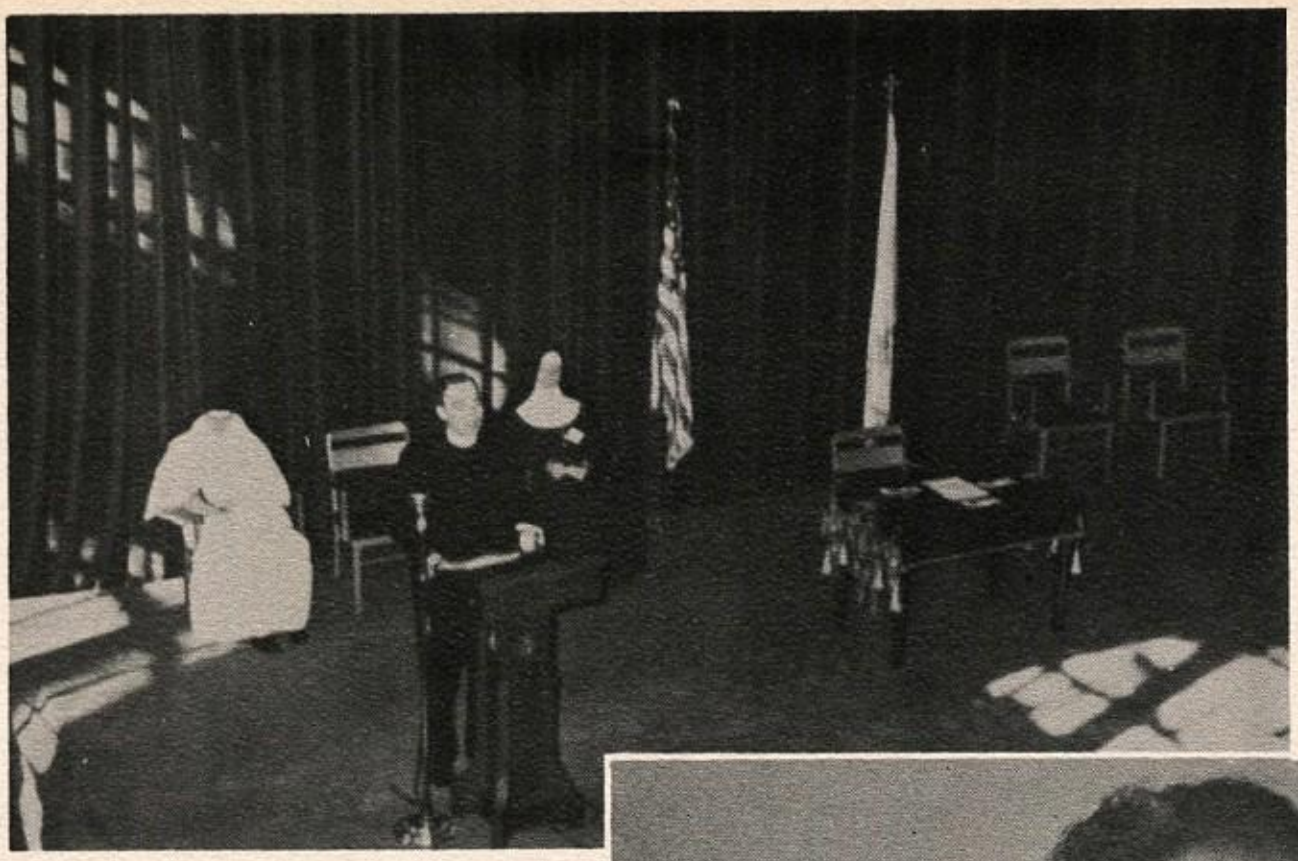
CAMPUS HIGHLIGH

STAGE BACKDROP OF
OUR COAT-OF-ARMS

Reverend Edward Popielarz, Director of the project, looks on as Deacons John Pawelski and Richard Dolan place finishing touches to the backdrop of our school's coat-of-arms, which will be used at all formal occations.

POLISH REFUGEE STUDENTS
IN ATTENDANCE

The Polish Refugee Students, who were brought to Orchard Lake in 1945, are caught in an informal chat with our Rector, Monsignor Szumal at the entrance of the College Chapel.



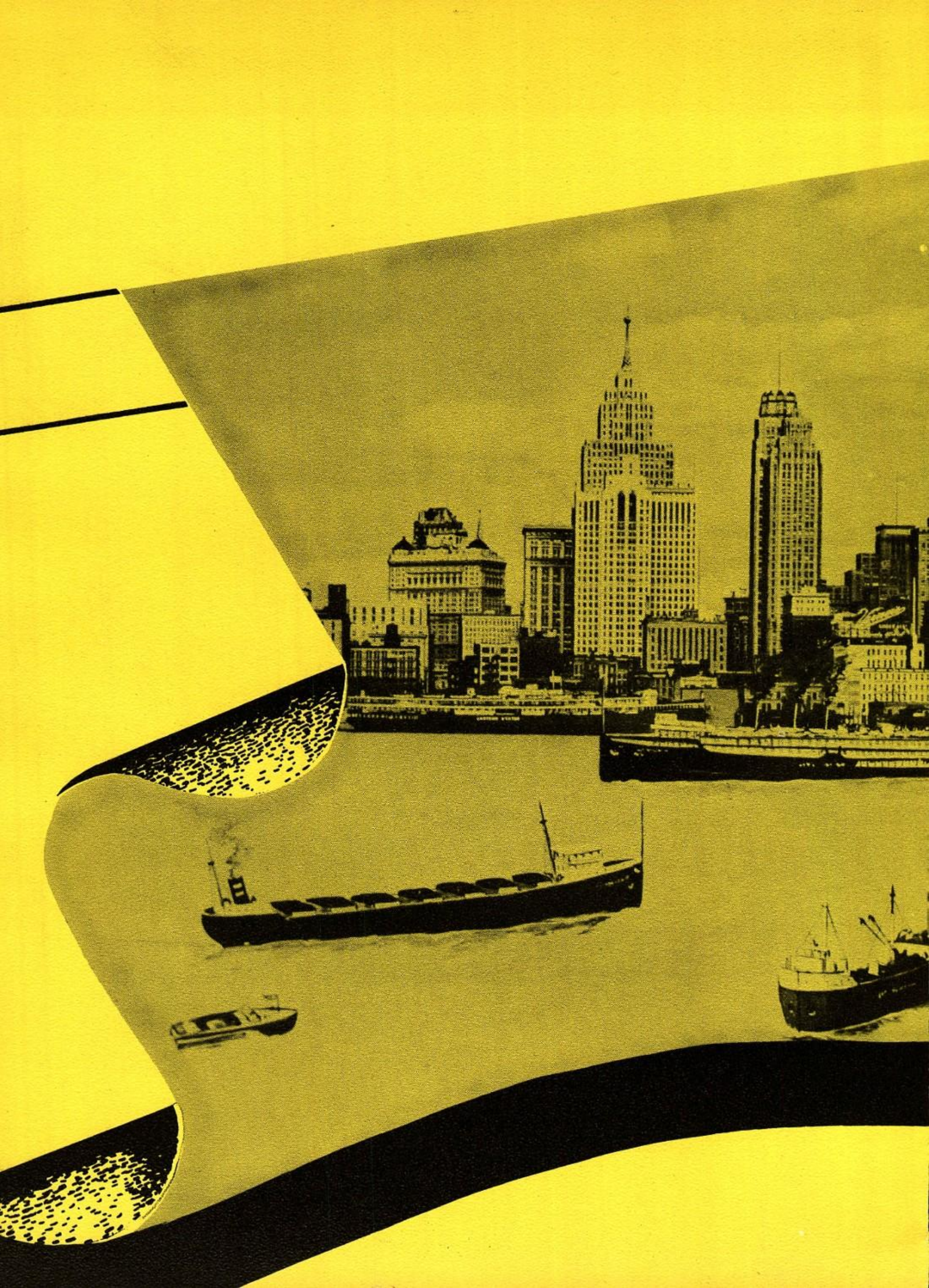
THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE
C. C. O. M. ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 29, 1949, the thirteenth meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges of Michigan was held at Orchard Lake under the auspices of our College Department. "The President's Report on Higher Education for American Democracy" served as the theme of the convention. Rev. John Buszek headed the committee on arrangements. Photo depicts Rev. W. E. McManus of the N. C. W. C. delivering the keynote address.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT
LOSES MR. BACH

St. Mary's lost a beloved and revered instructor in the passing of Mr. Frank Bach, who died January 6, 1950. His leadership, talent and services will be sorely missed by all at St. Mary's.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE FELICIAN SISTERS: When the Felician Sisters of the Detroit Province celebrated their Diamond Jubilee, Rt. Rev. Edward J. Szumal, our Rector, was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass, Coram Cardinale; Rev. L. Krych, deacon and Rev. J. Contway, subdeacon.



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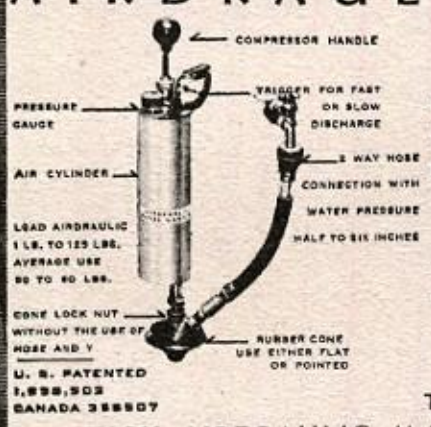
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